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Human beings, by nature, search for meaning in all things. We seek to be knowledgeable and illuminated through learning. The pursuit of illumination becomes extremely important throughout our time in college; for it is at that time that we are able to find illumination and use it for the remainder of our lives. In college, our life path is chosen. As we traverse this path, we use the knowledge and skills imparted to us at Whittier College to become luminaries of our chosen subjects.

Whittier College's traditions employ the idea of light and illumination, from the beginning of a Poet's college career to the end. As freshmen, students light candles representing the flame of learning, which is meant to burn forever within the hearts of Whittier students.

At Whittier College, students are given every tool necessary to become illuminated in curricular and extracurricular activities. With the help of expert faculty, students find their spark in their major, and use their newfound light to lead fulfilling careers and lives after Whittier. Poet athletes become illuminated in teamwork and skill in their sports. Some may even end up illuminating television screens in their future.

Community is extremely important at Whittier College, and while seeking illumination. Most Poets become affiliated with one or more groups, societies, sports or organizations, each reflecting many different sections of the spectrum. Without the idea of community stemming from Whittier's Quaker background, few of us would leave school illuminated as we all are destined to be.

Illumination is something continually searched for throughout life. This is especially true of Whittier College Poets who have an inextinguishable light of learning within them. Unlike many other people, Poets become illuminated within only a few weeks of college. For some, it takes a lifetime to truly become so, but for Poets the light is always there, and it gets brighter and brighter as the years pass.

Photo and Story by Kate Normand, Editor in Chief





# News from Around the World

## Copenhagen Summit

December 7th, 2009 marked the first day of the United Nations Climate Change in Copenhagen (COP 15), Denmark. This conference, which lasted until the 19th of December, attracted world leaders from almost 115 nations who came together to discuss the future of the Kyoto Protocol, as well as the Bali Road Map. Among these leaders were President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Thousands of people representing nongovernmental organizations such as GreenPeace gathered around the Bella Center in Copenhagen to witness leaders argue and propose different policies to fight future climate change, while millions of people from around the world followed the conference through their local newspapers. These policies included Brazil's proposal to cut carbon emissions below projected 2020 levels by the year 2020 and Iceland's plan to cut emissions by 15% below 1990 levels by 2020. But it was not until December 18th that these leaders drafted the Copenhagen Accord. Under this document, it recognizes the occurrence of climate change and requests that all countries submit an emissions reduction pledge by early 2010. Developed countries also committed more financial aid to developing countries for mitigation, adaptation, and forest conservation. This includes the established fund of \$30 billion from 2010-2012 to help developing nations get their start to a greener country. The United States has also promised \$1 billion to avoid deforestation around the globe. Though this document was a small step forward, many critics find the conference to be a failure since the Copenhagen Accord is not legally binding, making its optional rather than required. The world leaders must agree on a legally binding document if they are anywhere serious about fighting climate change. The next Climate Change Conference is set to occur in Cancun, Mexico in late November 2010 where leaders will once again negotiate.



Photo Courtesy of CBS News

Lars Loekke Rasmussen, Prime Minister of Denmark, speaks during the open ceremony of the conference.

Photo Courtesy of CNN News



A survivor of the Chile earthquake searches for his personal belongings.

## A Year of Earthquakes

Lately it seems that a lot more earthquakes have been occurring than usual. On January 12, 2010, the people of Haiti were woken up by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake, startling the nation's capital of Port-au-Prince. Considered the most devastating natural disaster, this earthquake led to nearly 230,000 deaths and a broken country. Nearly a month and a half later, Chile was the victim of a 8.8-magnitude earthquake which triggered a tsunami over the Pacific Ocean, killing 497 people. Six months prior to the Chile earthquake, the Samoan Islands were hit by a tsunami due to the 8.3-magnitude earthquake. The coast of Indonesia also felt the wrath of a 7.6-magnitude earthquake which led to the death of 1,000 innocent civilians.





# Round the Globe

by Amber Orozco

## Winter Olympics

by Ginger Maneske

o Courtesy of the Los Angeles Times



Todd Lodwick and his family  
in excitement after he wins  
first silver medal in skiing at  
Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The Olympic games, whether during the winter or the summer, are meant to bring the best out of athletes all over the world to test one another and bring a challenge to the competitors to see who is the greatest. There are many wonderful memories that show the best of each country, but there are also heartbreaking moments that seem to bring everyone together. This season's Winter Olympics / Paralympic Games were held in Vancouver, Canada.

The sports in the Winter Olympics are alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleigh, cross-country, curling, figure skating, freestyle skating, ice hockey, luge, nordic combined, short track, skeleton, snowboarding, and speed skating. Among the sports in the Paralympic Games were alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, ice sledge hockey, and wheelchair curling.

With every Olympic season comes stories that the world never forgets, whether life changing, heartbreaking, or happy. This season especially, there was a tragic loss of a luge slider Nodar Kumaritshvili, 21 years old, from Georgia. He was killed on a practice run on the luge track before the actual competition. It was a very rough time for the luge team, and the whole of the Georgian team, to concentrate on the competition but they were able to hold through and continue on for their fellow teammate.

There is always competition between athletes. Here are just a few top stories that happened during the Vancouver Olympics: in men's figure skating, Evan Lysacek of the U.S. took the gold away from Evgeni Plushenko of Russia, putting a stop to Plushenko's record of Olympic gold medals; Apolo Anton Ohno was disqualified from the 500m race when he bumped into Canada's Francois-Loius Tremblay in the final turn of the race; Canada's men's and women's hockey teams both took gold leaving both teams of the United States with silver medals.

With every Olympic season comes competition between countries in not only the individual sports, but also in the total medal count. The United States came in first with a total of 37 medals, Germany second with 30 medals, and Canada third with 26 medals. For the most gold medals came Canada with 14 gold, Germany second with 10 gold, and a tie for third between the United States and Norway with 9 gold.

An image of the planet, GJ1214b, which is said to have a mass of about six times that of Earth.

## Other News...

- October 20th 2009- European astronomers discover 32 exoplanets
- November 3rd, 2009- The Czech Republic becomes the final member-state of European Union to sign the Treaty of Lisbon
- November 16, 2010- Astronomers discover GJ1214B, the first-known exoplanet, where water could possibly exist.
- January 1, 2010- Spain becomes the newest country to host the Presidency of Council of the European Union
- April 20th 2010- Deepwater Horizon oil rig explodes in the Gulf of Mexico
- July 20th, 2010- Five paintings worth in total of 100 million euros are stolen from the Musee d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris
- June 11th, 2010- The first day of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa



Photo Courtesy of ESO





# News in the U

## Healthcare, Anybody?



Photo Courtesy of CBS News

The EKG behind the White House depicts the current healthcare issues in the United States.

A country that is considered one of the most powerful in the world, it would only seem right that the citizens of the United States would receive health care despite their economic status. On March 23rd, 2010, such a bill was signed by President, Barack Obama. Under this bill, which is expected to be in full effect by 2014, will cost \$940 billion over the period of ten years and expand coverage to 32 millions of Americans who are currently uninsured. Those currently uninsured and self-employed will be given the opportunity to purchase health insurance through state-based exchanges with subsidies available to individuals and families between the 133 percent and 400 percent of poverty level. In order to pay for the plan, families who make more than \$250,000 per year or \$200,000 for individuals will be taxed 3.8 percent of their income. Starting in 2018, insurance companies will pay a 40 percent excise tax on high-end insurance plans worth over \$27,500 for families. Due to this reform bill, those with preexisting conditions or low incomes will no longer be denied coverage.

Federal Poverty Level for family of four = \$22,050

## New Immigration Law

On Friday, April 23rd, Arizona Republican Governor Jan Brewer, signed a new law that would take radical provisions in order to reduce the amount of illegal immigrants in the state and prevent further ones from entering the country. Immigrants must have proof of their immigration status. Those who are in violation can receive up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500. State officers are required to 'make a reasonable attempt' to determine the status of a person if he or she seems suspicious and ask anyone for their legal proof of residency in the United States. For many, this newly signed law is pure racial profiling against Hispanics. It seems that people in Arizona will be asked for proof of their U.S. residency, based solely on the color of their skin. This bill has received global response with people not only protesting in cities around the United States, but also other countries such as Venezuela whose own president spoke against the bill. By mid-summer of 2010, people can expect this law to be put in action.



Photo Courtesy of NY Times

Governor, Jan Brewer of Arizona, is photographed signing the bill, SB 1070.



Angry protesters against the new Arizona Immigration Law gather before a Chicago Cubs game. The Chicago Cubs were sets to plat the Arizona Diamond Backs at Wrigley Field that Thurssday, April 29th.

Photo Courtesy of Chicago Now





Photo Courtesy of Examiner



## An Ecological Disaster

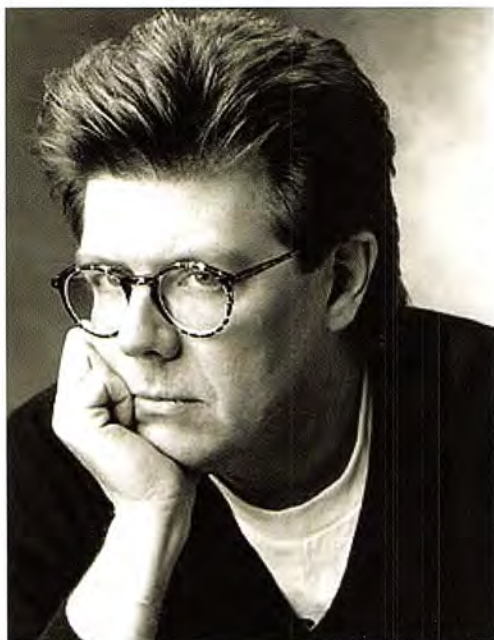
For nearly twenty years the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in 1989 had been considered the largest oil spill in history. On April 20th, 2010 the explosion of a drilling rig one mile below the surface led to the largest oil spill known as the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Scientists have estimated 60,000 barrels of oil to be flowing into the gulf every day that has affected marine life, the environment, and businesses who rely on the ocean. The United States government has forced Bp (Beyond Petroleum) to pay for damages and all those affected by the spill. Recent reports discovered have indicated BP's awareness of the damaged well several months prior to the disaster.

Photo Courtesy of Examiner



The oil is so thick in some parts of the ocean, it has to be set on fire in order to get rid of it.

During a congressional hearing on the BP oil spill, Republican Congressman Steve Scalise of Louisiana is outraged as he holds a picture of a pelican covered in oil. The pelican is the state bird of Louisiana.



An iconic photo of John Hughes, the directors that brought us the The Breakfast Club.

## In Memoriam

**John Hughes** (February 18, 1950-August 6, 2009)

American film director, producer, writer  
Filmography Includes : Ferris Bueller's Day Off, The Breakfast Club, Sixteen Candles

**Patrick Swayze** (August 18, 1952-September 14, 2009)

American Actor and Dancer  
Filmography: Red Dawn, Dirty Dancing

**J.D. Salinger** (January 1, 1919-January 27, 2010)

American Author  
Known Book: The Catcher in the Rye

**Howard Zinn** (August 24, 1922-January 27, 2010)

American Professor, Historian, playwright  
Known Book: A People's History of the United States

**Gary Coleman** (February 8, 1968-May 28, 2010)

American Actor  
Filmography: Diff'rent Strokes, The Facts of Life

**Dennis Hopper** (May 17, 1936-May 29, 2010)

American Artist/Film Maker  
Filmography: Rebel Without A Cause, Easy Rider





# Activism is in the

## Clean-Up Sodexo

This year, the Whittier community was exposed to the mistreatment of the housekeeping staff on April 14, 2010 when 70 members of M.E.Ch.A de Whittier, Minority Caucus, ASWC Senate, students, faculty, administrators, union members, and the housekeeping staff marched around campus in protest of the mistreatment of workers. Nearly weeks earlier, the Whittier College Students for Workers group was formed. Fliers documenting the mistreatment stories of workers on campus by Sodexo, from being forced to solely clean all of Stauffer Science building to being denied the right to see their doctor when injured on the job, were posted all over campus. A Code of Conduct was also sent out to the student body on March 22, 2010 and later delivered to Jim Dunkleman, Whittier Vice President of Finance and Facilities. This document that requested that all employees of Whittier College are given their basic human rights concerning work conditions, wages, and proper procedures. The protest on April 14, 2010 was seen as a success and more support for the housekeeping staff can be expected in the upcoming year.



Photo Courtesy of WC Students for Workers

Students, faculty, house keepers, and union workers chant "Clean-Up Sodexo!" as they march across the upper quad.



Photo Courtesy of Joy Hoffman

Not a single smile can be seen in this photo that was sent to the Governor of Arizona, as students express their anger against the new Arizona Immigration Law.

## Do I Look Illegal?

After the passing of the Arizona Immigration Law, Whittier College students did not waste any time to make immediate protest. Organized by Minority Caucus, shirts that read "Do I Look Illegal?" in the front and "Racial Discrimination is never ok" in back were passed out to students in April. Three hundred shirts were gone within the first twenty minutes, embarking on the importance of the issue to students here at Whittier. Students unitedly wore these shirts on campus and for a photo that Minority Caucus, along with a letter against the law, sent to the Governor.





# Air at Whittier

by Amber Orozco



Photo Courtesy of Google Images

## Day of Silence

April 16th, 2010 was a particularly silent day at Whittier College. Nearly 200 students, faculty, and staff participated in the "Day of Silence" by taking a vow of silence from sunrise to sunset. This national event, which began , helped others realize the impact of their words while raising awareness for the LGBT community. Supporters were also seen wearing red shirts in support of the cause that were passed out by T.O.B.G.L.A.D. days earlier. At the end of the day, participants were asked to reflect on their day and many realized that actions speaker louder than words.

Whittier College was more quiet than usual on April 16, 2010.

## In Other News...

**March 17, 2010** - Whittier College students are rudely awoken by a 4.4 magnitude earthquake

**April 29, 2010** - Diversity of the student body is celebrated through the display of 50 flags in Campus Inn.

**April 29, 2010** - Whittier College is featured in Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges

**May 3, 2010** - ASWC Senate approves \$2,000 for the installations of twenty-seven lockers in the Campus Center for commuter students

**May 14, 2010** - Whittier College hosts the "Citizen of Burma Award".

**June 6, 2010** - The Los Angeles Times, Houston Chronicle, USA Today, and San Diego Union-Tribune recognizes Whittier College on the above national average of Latino graduation rates.

**In Memoriam:**

Former Whittier College Professor Hilmi Ibrahim

Whittier College were honorary hosts of the "Citizen Burma Award" Ceremony.



Photo Courtesy of Communications Office





# Student





# t Life

At Whittier College, illumination can be found all over campus. It is not confined to the classrooms or lecture halls. Illumination comes with the community values upheld at Whittier since its Quaker founding in 1887. Though the campus itself is small, the repertoire of activities, and affiliations is vast.

Each day at Whittier, students gain luminescence in class, yes, but also in the simple act of traversing campus. When students follow the alumni brick path, their eyes look down, reading and gaining knowledge about Poets who came before them. Students walk, meeting friends along the way and enjoying the ever-present California sun. The simple act of exploring campus leads to some sort of illumination, of mind or of soul.

Students are often involved in multiple activities on campus, which may include a work-study job, a sport, a club, or a society. In each instance, Poets meet new people and create bonds. These bonds are rarely broken, and often help students in their careers. Networking, either social or professional, becomes an important part of being at Whittier College, and is yet another part of campus life that illuminates the lives and careers of students.

Poets, because of Whittier's sense of community, will never be alone. Poets thrive in groups, which is why there are so many on campus. At Whittier College, students are given the tools they need to be social and belong wherever they may go, illuminating others along their path.

Student Life at Whittier is rife with people of all backgrounds, working together and playing together, becoming a part of one another's lives forevermore.

By Kate Normand, Editor-in-Chief





Peer mentors help a new student register and pick up their paperwork. Attired in bright green Wild West Whittier t-shirts, peer mentors were not hard to find, and were available to help with the college transition.



by Isabel Patrowicz  
Photos by Kate Normand

# Whittier

## Welcomes Freshmen

Adjusting to college can be tough, but between the placement exams, ice cream socials and presentations in the Shannon center, orientation can be a great introduction to the school students will hopefully call home for the next four years. As one freshman, Chelsea Pomfret, put it, "Orientation was great because it helped us feel welcome into the Whittier community."

Orientation activities took place from Saturday September 5th through Wednesday September 23rd. The first couple of days were full of move-ins, meetings and goodbyes. Then came time for open houses and meetings with peer mentors, freshman writing groups and finally registration. Tuesday, Cinema Under the Stars hosted by the Program Board featuring the new Star Trek movie in the

Campus Center courtyard.

Another highlight of orientation was the Hypnotic Intoxication presentation in the Shannon Center where approximately twenty Whittier College students were hypnotized and had the opportunity to make complete fools out of themselves in front of their new classmates, all while learning about alcohol safety.

Overall, orientation was a great introduction to the community and traditions of this small quirky LA liberal arts school.







The sun shines bright over Orientation headquarters in the Campus Center. Though the sun shone brightly, the weather was not as scorching as in previous years, and all freshmen enjoyed their welcome into the Whittier community.

Freshmen line up with their classmates to enter the amphitheater. That evening, freshmen, faculty, upperclassmen, and parents took part in the traditional convocation ceremony, complete with candle lighting and singing of the school song.



Students enjoy their first meal at Whittier with their peer and faculty mentors. Students and professors got to speak in a more casual environment while enjoy some Wild West BBQ.

New students and their parents wait in line to collect welcome packets, register vehicles, and take ID photos before moving students into their dorm rooms. This orientation was the coolest in many years, so families remained comfortable while waiting.





# "It's Your Time"

by Amber Orozco

Originally started by Della Hudson of Residential Life at the University of California Los Angeles seventeen years ago, she introduced the contest after her move to Whittier College, which plays tribute to visionary Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the peaceful messages he spread during his days of activism. During each Martin Luther King Oratorical Contest, students are required to connect the words of Martin Luther King Jr. and his message to the given topic of that year. This year's contest topic was "It's Your Time". The participants were **Josh Wood '10**, **Ashley Ramos '11**, **Jonathan Brasfield '11**, **Adrian Gonzales '12**, and **Mario Obando '13**. After each speaker passionately delivered their speeches, a panel of judges which included the Mayor of Pico Rivera, picked Senior Josh Wood as the 1st place Winner. His speech, "The Time to Love is Now", urged others to start opening their hearts to love as well as, "having compassion; feeling empathy for those in struggle wanting happiness for all the world." By the end of this oratorical contest, the audience undoubtedly were left inspired by these five contestants.

After the speeches were delivered, dance and gospel groups from Southern California gave performances that had the crowd on their feet.

**Right:** An information stand wa up on Dr. Martin Luther king Jr. and peaceful movement.

**Bottom:** Joshua Wood '10 speak love and compassion as he address audience which included family, fac staff, and other Poets.



Photos by: Amber Orozco







Spectators enjoyed refreshments and desserts before the oratorical contest began.



Sophomore **Adrian Gonzales** uses hand gestures as he speaks.



**Ashley Ramos '11** uses passion when sharing her speech with the community.





# Campus Movie Fest

The opportunity for students to share their movie making skills.

by Lizbeth Hernandez

Campus Movie Fest is known as the largest film festival for the next generation of film makers, especially those still in college. Students who participate are supplied with camcorders and apple laptops, so they can create their best movie possible, especially since the majority of college students really don't have the funds for such technology. The technology used was all donated by corporate partners and other schools. This opportunity was an outlet for the creative types and a perfect opportunity to allow those creative juices to flow.

Whittier College had the opportunity to participate and since the students were given one week to create their master piece aside from their daily school work the result of each movie was pretty fabulous.

It was pretty impressive to see the imagination of those who participated projected onto the movie wall in the campus center and with the many who participated it was definitely a tough

decision to decide which one was best. However, the film Fifteen was chosen as the winner.

Fifteen was about what it means to gain the Freshman Fifteen from a girls perspective. The movie was about a female college student and the different struggles she faced that lead her to gain fifteen pounds since she started school. There were a variety of situations and the main cause was stress eating. The movie was pure comedy and quite relatable for the average college student.

Being a winner meant earning fabulous prizes, but the best one of all was that the entire CMF visited the many schools that also participated. Each movie that won from each school will go to Paramount Studios where there was a grand finale to choose the best of the best!

CMF was a great opportunity for students to come together and support one another; making this opportunity a great outlet and a way to discover talents and appreciate artistic abilities.



All the students that participated in the film festival pose for a photo. Each film presented was great and enjoyed by all who watched.

Photos by Acropolis Yearbook





Whittier students enjoying the movies created by their fellow classmates. Whether you made a movie or watched one, the night was enjoyed by all



The very enthusiastic host of the evening arrives on the red carpet in the campus center.

Amia Soto-Carrion, '10 and Justin DeLong, '10 enjoy their last CMF. Throughout the night there was laughing and joking among other emotions.



The Winners of CMF for their film Fifteen, which dealt with the “freshman fifteen” and stress.



Filmmaker Dorothy Tunnell '10 and her guests pose on the red carpet. Tunnell's film got great reviews, though it didn't win the grand prize.





Our Poet football players watch from the sidelines as their fellow players fight for victory in the Homecoming game.



The female nominees involved in in the homecoming court. All nominees had to compete in contests such as the balloon-popping contest.



The day was filled with excitement as many students came out to support the Poet football team. A cheering crowd really brought the intensity of the game up.







**Samantha Costa '10,** tries her hardest to put the pen in Johnny Poet's hands. These activities were done to help in the voting process and to allow the nominees to enjoy their time in the spotlight.



Mr. and Mrs. Whittier 2009 and the court pose to take a photo together. The race was close and all enjoyed the silly games they had to participate in before the voting.

# Poets' Homecoming

The Week-long Festivities to celebrate being a poet.

by Lizbeth Hernandez, Kate Normand, and Joseph Aldama  
Additional photos by Brianne O'Doherty, and Magaly Perez.

Homecoming is a week long event that celebrates being a Whittier College poet and an opportunity to bring camaraderie amongst students. The week long event included the opportunity for students from every year to choose a king and queen nominee to win the crown. This crown is awarded at the homecoming game at the end of the week during the football game, but there is a catch; although students choose a nominee who won depends on the nominee and how many mini contests they win through out the week. At the end of the week at the football game the winner is announced.

Along with the football game there was a mini carnival, tailgate and BBQ. This event was a great way for students to come together and show their pride as a Poet and enjoy being Whittier College Students.

Homecoming is a week long of festivities and fun, especially with Casino Night. It was a mini casino in the campus center. Though no money was won, students played to win really nice prizes like an iPod, flat screen tv and digital camera.

The fun really picked up after the football game at the Homecoming dance. It was celebrated at the nearby Radisson Hotel. It was the opportunity for current students and alumni to come together, dance, and mingle the night away. Homecoming was a very successful week and one that will always be remembered because of the amount of fun and excitement that occurred.











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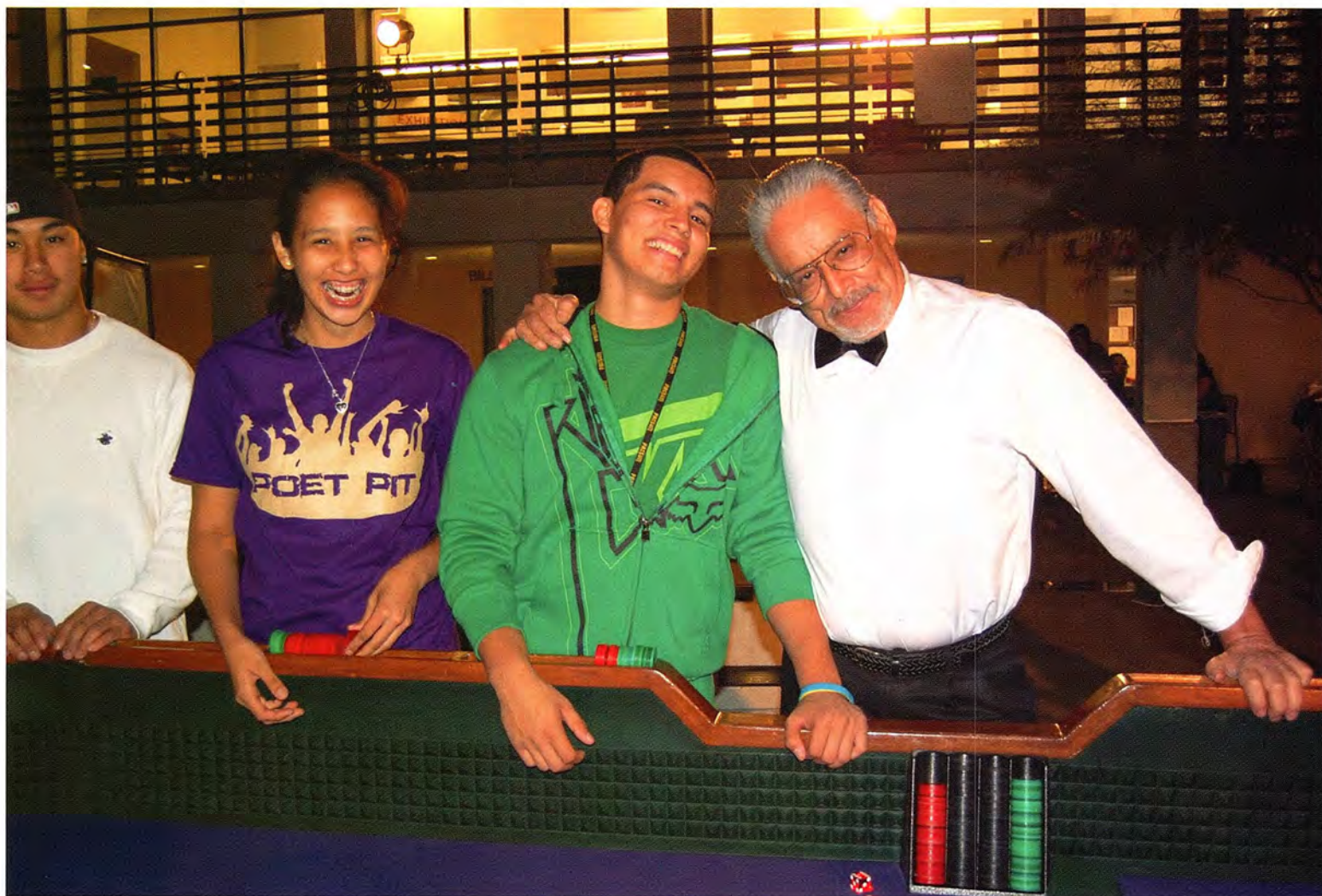
# Homecoming *Dance*

by Lizbeth Hernandez

One of the biggest and sought-after events at Whittier College is Homecoming Weekend and on October 24, 2009 Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni came together and celebrated Homecoming with various events; especially cheering on the football team at the football game, but the day wouldn't have been complete without the Homecoming Dance. This event was great way to end the night with Students and Alumni mingling and dancing the night away.







Playing Craps isn't just a game, when you have a buddy dealer to teach players how to win big! Casino Night welcomed players of all levels, including those just beginning.



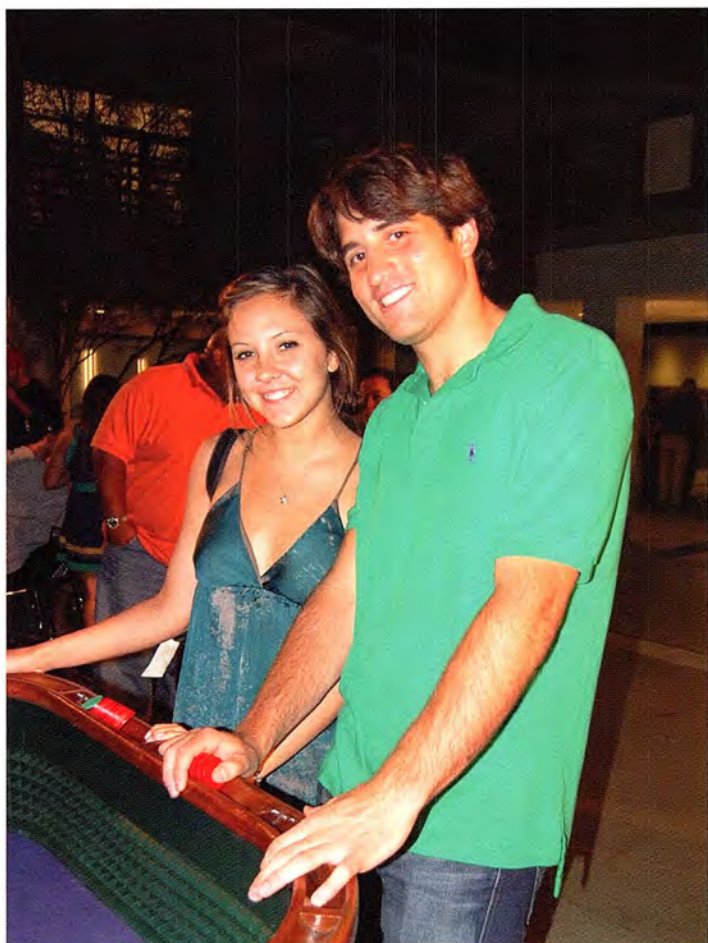
Poets had the chance to win multiple prizes which included a flat screen tv, iPod, Wii and a digital camera.



Photos by Acropolis Yearbook







Casino Night became date night for Dan and Jenna.

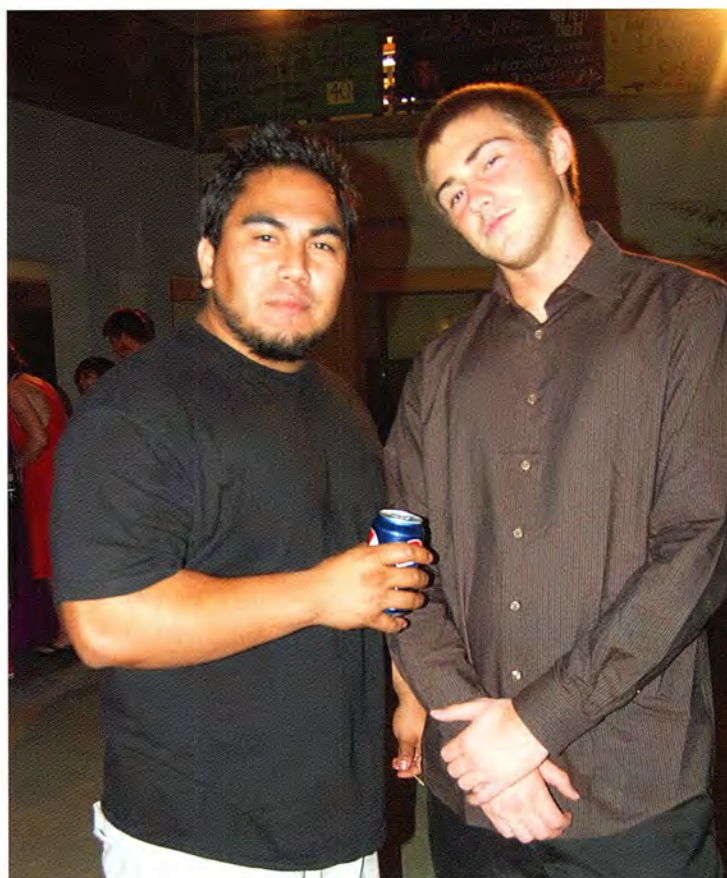


Taylor is all smiles after winning a game of poker.

# Casino Night

by Lizbeth Hernandez

Casino Night is part of the week long festivities held for students to celebrate Homecoming. This night was a mini Casino minus the real money, held in the Campus Center Courtyard, where students played poker, craps, and roulette in hopes of winning some fabulous prizes. The night was a date night for some and guys night for others, but the best part was seeing camaraderie amongst students as they played. Overall Casino night was a hit, and some lucky students definitely hit the Jackpot and won a prize.



Two Whittier students take a moment to show their best poker face.





A popular game among student residents, competitors battles against each other in pool.



The StoJo team work together to get a hand on the frisbee.



# We're All *Mad* Here

by Ginger Maneske and Joseph Aldama

Photos by Amber Orozco and Acropolis Yearbook

A little friendly competition to give a small break to all the class work.

We saw students running for their lives for a win. We saw students yelling at each other to boost and/or diminish self-confidence. We saw them doing everything they could to win and not be brought down by their opponent. It was all sweat and blood (well hopefully no blood at all) poured into this year's annual Sports Fest competition between all the residence halls which included Stauffer-Johnson, Ball, Harris, Wanberg, Turner, Campbell, as well as Commuters. This year's winner was decided through a point system, and whichever team had the most points won.

There were many different games that one could participate in this year including ping-pong, pickleball, flag football, tug-of-war, tennis, soccer, frisbee, basketball, and also some random competitions that were thrown in there. There

were easy point grabbing activities such as the blood drive, coin bucket, and talent show that everyone could participate in as well. Competition was fierce all over the playing field. After watching many of the competitors trying their hardest in each sport, it was hard for some to walk away defeated while others walked away with victory in their eyes.

The students who competed in this mini-Olympics style games were very dedicated to their team and gave it their all. The ones who didn't compete were cheering loud and proud on the sidelines for their fellow competing teammate. There was noise and excitement all around, which lasted for a whole fun-filled weekend during November 20-22.







Students used team work and coordination to race and beat faculty members of Whittier College.



Selected members from each hall team participated in an extreme version of musical chairs.



A game which requires strategy, chess is one of the non-athletic events found at Sportsfest.





# Tropicali Spring Fest

by Tiffany Desy and Joseph Aldama

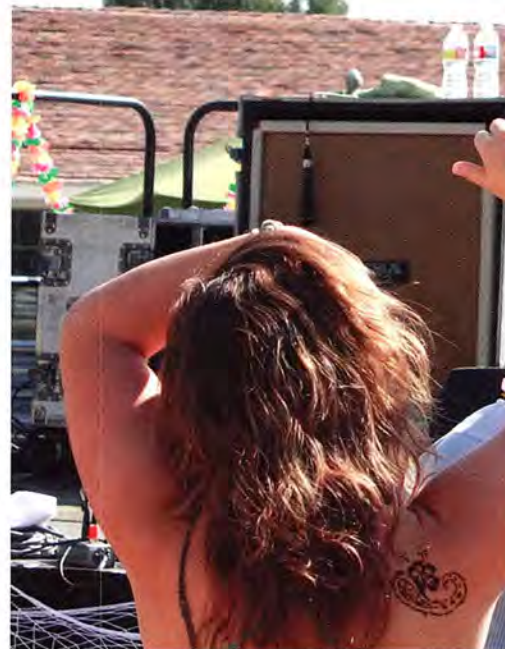
A fun day in the sun to kick off spring break.

The program board put on “Tropicali”, this year’s Spring Fest event on Sunday, March 28, 2010. There was a great turn out of students at the event enjoying all of the festivities to welcome in the spring season. Students were able to get their caricatures drawn, dress up in costume to take pictures in a photo booth, get henna tattoos from PARI-VAR, toss for fish by ASA, make wax hands and slide down an inflatable slip n’ slide. Students were given free sunglasses, leis and beach balls which just added to the fun.

The high point of the day was the live performance of Lady Danville, The Bigger Lights and The Audition, all of which are gaining larger fan bases daily. All the members of the bands were very friendly with students signing cd’s, and taking pictures. They even took part in the fun that was provided by the booths. Lady Danville even played an acoustic song on a ukulele down in the grass with all of the students. Overall the day was a success!



The photo booth was a fan favorite at the event. It was free and all day long students were dressing up in costumes and taking silly pictures. They were able to keep a print out and download them from the website online.



Photos by Joseph Aldama and Tiffany Desy





The henna tattoos, like the one this student is getting, were a huge success. Students were able to choose from a variety of designs.



**Left:** On a hot spring day, there isn't a better way to keep cool than a water slide. This Poet takes full advantage of all that Spring Fest had to offer.

**Below:** Students had the opportunity to make plastic molds of their hands and dye them any color they wanted. These are great reminders of the fun had on this day.



The students got up and danced as The Audition came on stage to play some songs for them. Many of the students were able to meet them after their performance.



These students were enjoying the many games available to play out on the lawn during the event.

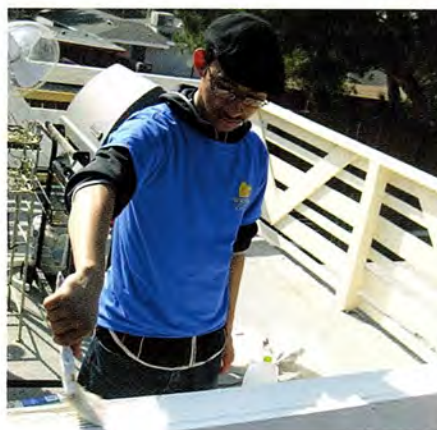




Bright and early, Poets, dressed in their blue Helping Hands Day shirts listen to the event's opening ceremonies. Breakfast was served in the morning to ensure that each helper had enough energy to last the day.

President Herzberger helps kick off the opening ceremonies. Always involved in the community, she wore the same shirts as the students, and took part in some volunteer work of her own.

Students helped clean up Penn Park. Some poets worked close to school while others were bussed to locations further from campus, such as Hacienda Heights, and Downey.



Two poets help paint a railing at youth and adult ministry. Though the day started early, Whittier students worked hard and didn't tire easily, working well into the afternoon.







All the volunteers were supplied with snacks and water to keep their energy levels up to help out through the day.

**Ashley** lends a helping hand to paint a recently rebuilt stairway. The day was filled with hard work, but a smile remained on her face as she was excited to help others.



Photos by Amber Orozco and Joseph Aldama

# Poets

## lend a hand

by Desiray Graciano and Joseph Aldama

Whittier College gives back to the community on the annual Helping Hands Day

There is no better way to relieve the stress from midterms than to lend a helping hand to the neighboring communities. Service weekend has been a growing trend at Whittier College for the past few years. Every year more and more members of the Poet family come out and volunteer their time for the benefit of others. First it started on campus, then slowly branched out into the City of Whittier and now, our service branched out even further into nearby cities.

This year, the event covered many different places such as farms, food banks, parks, and many more. All of the students were excited to rally around for the cause. The day started early, but the energy was up and everyone was ready to get to work. Service to others is a proud characteristic of a Poet. It was also a day to share your talents and make new friends in the process.

Many Poets came out to participate for the second, third and fourth time along with all the new faces of the freshman. The time spent with others doing something to better the school, and the surrounding areas also strengthened the friendships and pride of a poet. In this process students not only participated with a friend, they made new ones

too. Poets sharing a common goal of serving others in an unselfish way became the base of many new long lasting friendships. The lessons learned from this day will stay with poets forever. At the end of the day, doing hard work with love is a great feeling for everyone.

This experience has opened many hearts. Everyone only gained from this. Our Poet family learned that with a little bit of hard work, we can make a difference in the lives of others. The elderly that were exercising, the children who had their houses fixed up, and the families that had baskets of food prepared for them will always remember that our community cares. Our work that weekend has made an impact.

Being a college educated person involves more than just work in a classroom, it involves field work in our studies and in our communities. The weekend was a huge success and is only getting bigger every year. Everyone who came out had a great time and did not mind having to wake up early to make a difference. We are looking forward for our next opportunity to lend a helping hand and will be there again next year.





Survivors walk alongside the collapsed buildings that were once the homes and businesses of Haitians.

Millions of Haitians were affected, left without homes or livelihoods, and many left without family members.



Haiti Photographs Courtesy of Boston Ima

# L'Union Fait La Force

by Amber Orozco

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 4:53, an earthquake struck less than ten miles from the Caribbean city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. An earthquake that has been named as the "worst earthquake in 200 years," measured at a magnitude of 7.0. It was then followed by twelve aftershocks that measured greater than 5.0. According to BBC News, 80% -90% of the buildings in Leogane had been destroyed. National landmarks, civic buildings, businesses, hospitals, schools, and homes all fell to pieces. Most of the buildings in Haiti, due to the lack of lumber, are made from concrete or block which has been proven to be weak against natural disasters such as earthquakes. The weak construction has led to an estimated death range of about 50,000 to 200,000 people as reported by BBC America. Though an unexpected tragedy, the world was quick to respond with a helping hand.

The global response to the Haitian earthquake was remarkable and included a list of over thirty countries. Nations such as the United States, Venezuela, United Kingdom, and Taiwan sent search and rescue teams with medical equipment in an effort to

help those who survived. President Barack Obama also pledged \$100 million in aid to Haiti. Non-profit organizations which include the Red Cross, UNICEF (United Nations Children Fund), and PIH (Partners in Health) stepped in to send volunteers overseas as well as money to Point-au-Prince. Text messaging has proven to be a positive innovation as the Red Cross reported \$5 million dollars that was raised through simple text messaging donations. As the world responded with financial and medical support for Haiti, Whittier College also stepped in to make a life-saving contribution.

Two days after the devastating earthquake, ASWC set up a red blood drive associated with the Red Cross that would benefit the victims of the Haiti earthquake. The blood drive was hosted on Wednesday, January 18, 2010, and was successful as hundreds of students scheduled appointments to give blood. As the Red Cross slogan goes, "Give blood, give life." Those who gave blood will give a victim in Haiti another chance at life.







Fellow Haitians and rescue workers work tirelessly as they search through the rubble for survivors.

Due to lack of lumber and proper infrastructure, a neighborhood in the Canape-Vert area is left to pieces of concrete after a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti.



The devastating Haitian earthquake left millions of people around the globe heartbroken, including the students at Whittier College. Despite the pain, two of many brave students take twenty minutes out of their daily schedule to donate a pint of blood, to benefit the victims in Haiti.





These students immerse themselves into the diverse cultures at Whittier College by performing a dance piece at Asian Night.



These performers are playing the Japanese taiko drums and perform a dance with them.



Peace and meditation are important elements of the Asian culture.



Among the performers, included a martial artist who demonstrated strength to the crowd behind him.







This student participant comes out and welcomes everyone in traditional garments.

These performers move and dance to some Asian inspired music.



Photos by Ryan, QC Photographer

# Asian Night

by Ginger Maneske and Joseph Aldama

The Asian Student Association put on a great show with their 29th Annual Asian Night, which took place in the Shannon Center. The purpose of Asian Night is to bring cultural awareness through these types of programs, which will hopefully bring about multicultural appreciation to everyone. This year not only featured a spectacular show but also had a great variety in food for dinner before the show started.

The ASA started off with a fashion show, which showed the many different dress wear that are featured across Asia. Then the show continued with many dances, such as the Raja, the Korean Dance (which featured the Korean Dance Academy), the Kajra Re, Yalla Habibi, Bharatanatyam Dance, and the Kawaipunahele (which featured the Hawaiian Islanders Club). There were other great talents, such as the

solo singers. Andrew Kim performed "Today We Depart" and Mark Juaton performed "Sana Maulit Muli." Guest appearances were also made by Kishin Daiko, who gave a spectacular show with their Taiko Drumming, and the California Shaolin Temple and the Shaolin Temple Martial Arts Academy, who showed a variety of different talents with sword routines and jaw dropping brick and metal breaking.

It was a great night for both the Asian Student Association and the audience.





# Fall Showcase

## Iphigenia and Other Daughters

by Kate Normand

An artistically driven rendition of the tale of the death of Agamemnon, this play involves the aftermath of two deaths, Agamemnon's and the death leading to his. His own wife murdered him after he ordered the sacrifice of his daughter Iphigenia to the gods. With its use of color and multiple actors for each part, the stories and feelings of his other daughters and his wife echo in the minds of the audience. The play itself begins with an odd, but aesthetically pleasing interpretive dance, employing the use of red ribbons as a symbol of the blood and death embroiled in the family's story.

The play was much more than a family drama. Clytemnestra, the mother, dressed in a royal purple, murdered her husband after the sacrifice of her eldest daughter, Iphigenia, dressed in a pure white. The other daughters, Elektra, (Name, Julie Henderson, Name) and Chrysothemis (Name, Elyse Sharp, Name) were two very distinct characters, one, Chrysothemis dressed in green, symbolized the burden of taking care of the family after the death of her father and failure of her mother. The other, Elektra, dressed in red, symbolized vengeance. She is extremely angry, almost to the point of insanity, at what her mother did, and the maniacal screams and actions of Elektra added a jarring, and almost frightening feel to the plot.

The play was striking, and interesting and different from what audiences may have been used to, and an overall success.

Iphigenia, having become a statue of a goddess, poses with a bow and arrow with her brother.

Elektra shows her chaotic, insane nature, while speaking about murdering her mother to the audience.



**Center:** The other moon over their newest capture, the long lost brother of Iphigenia.

The actresses play the "Other Daughter" open the show with interpretive dance.







Peck teaches, plays by ansdalsd, gives Li'l Bit her first tip on driving.

# How I Learned to Drive

by Ginger Maneske

The second Fall play, "How I Learned To Drive," by Paula Vogel was a big hit here at Whittier College. Directed by Gil Gonzalez, the play ran from December 3rd to the 6th. Paula Vogel is the winner of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize, giving her esteemed recognition. She was also co-winner of the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, a prize that recognizes women who have written something for the English speaking theatre, and the Lucille Lortel Award, which is for anyone who inspires another play to be produced or off-Broadway theater production, in 1998.

"How I Learned To Drive" is based on a troubling relationship between a young woman, Li'l Bit (Megan Gerber) and her older uncle, Peck. It takes place in Maryland during the 1960's. The whole story revolves around her uncle teaching her how to drive, as well as being intimate with her during this whole time from when she's a young teenager to when she's older in her early twenties. This woman learns how to drive from her uncle during her early years. Her uncle is an alcoholic and eventually persuades Li'l Bit to drink a little as well. She eventually is scared by the way he acts when she's in college, and has to break their unhealthy and strange relationship off. It is full of flashbacks and narratives by Li'l Bit and her life story.



**Center:** Li'l Bit and Peck share a close and intimate moment with one another.

**Bottom left:** A tense and stressful moment at the dinner table for Li'l Bit and her family.

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# Spring Theatre

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

by Kate Normand and Isabel Patrowicz

The Whittier College Department of Theater and Communication Arts presented two productions this spring: A Midsummer Night's Dream and Beauty of the Father, as well as the Spring 2010 Spring Showcase Series. A Midsummer Night's Dream encompassed most of the theater department to adapt this classic Shakespeare to a new and funky 80s edition, featuring many graduating seniors, including Megan Gerber, '10. Midsummer was directed by Gil Gonzalez and was performed on the Ruth B. Shannon Center main stage from March 10th to 14th. This fun adaptation was a hit at Whittier and brought in a crowd night after night to see classic dialogue with an 80s twist on the costumes and inflection.

Photos by Linda Park







# Beauty of the Father

by Kate Normand and Isabel Patrowicz

The second spring show, *Beauty of the Father*, written by Pulitzer Prize–winner Nilo Cruz, was artfully crafted and directed by Jennifer S. Holmes. This production was performed in the more intimate black box theater of the Shannon Center from April 28th to May 2nd. *Beauty of the Father* told the story of a young American girl who journeys to Andalusia, Spain to reconnect with her father. However, while she is there, she finds a new love interest in his Moroccan friend. The story explores a love triangle encompassing these three members of the household, and is tied together by the restless ghost of Spanish poet Federico García Lorca, who appears throughout the play.



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Whittier College's ten local fraternities and sororities, also known as Societies, have been illuminating student life since the early 1900's. Beginning as literary societies, these groups have developed into social organizations that have fostered the values of sisterhood and brotherhood, community service, leadership, and scholarship. This school year, several Societies celebrated important anniversaries for their respective charters. The Palmers and Franklins began preparations for their 90th year in existence, Metaphonians celebrated their 85th anniversary, and the Athenian, Orthogonian, and Thalian Societies celebrated their 80th anniversary. In addition, the Lancer and William Penn Societies hosted alumni in celebration of their 75th homecoming.

Striving to establish a stronger sense of community on campus, Societies worked together to host and participate in events that brought Poets together for a good time, as well as reminding students to give back to the community that has given them so much. For the most part, each individual organization has found a way to establish their footprint on the Whittier College campus.

In 2009, the Athenian Society collected donations and passed out pink ribbons during the month of October in order to promote Breast Cancer Awareness. Keeping up the tradition of Inter-Society Harmony (ISH), the Sachsen and Franklin Societies came together to host Frachsenstein and provided an opportunity for students to celebrate Halloween a week early during Whittier Weekend. The Metaphonian Society was able to successfully bring back their coveted "Wet and Wild" foam themed party for the second year in a row. The Palmer Society reached out to the Whittier community by reading to children

at local elementary schools, while the Ionian Society stayed on campus and helped clean up the campus one trash bag at a time. The Orthogonian Society hosted a number of events throughout the semester, including their annual Halloween party, "O-Haunt," which was held at Memories in Uptown Whittier. The Lancers were able to recreate the Garden of Eden and finish off the semester by hosting "Adam and Eve" in the Campus Center Courtyard.

2010 proved to be no different as Societies continued to make their presence known on campus. The Thalian Society hosted its annual Club T's Me as a "MarT Gras" themed party; the Metaphonian Society successfully hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day party "Club Shamrock," while the Lancer Society brought the beach to Whittier once again with "Mona Kai." Finally, the William Penn society lit up the campus with their 2nd Annual "Penntronic."

Overall, Societies continued to shine on the Whittier campus and will continue to be a long lasting tradition of student life.

Active and prospective members of the Lancer, Metaphonian, and Orthogonian Societies gather for a group photo with ABC 7 weatherman Dallas Raines. Society members cooperated with the "Toys for Tots" program and helped stuff buses with donated toys for disadvantaged youth.







The ladies of the Athenian Society are a distinguished group of women whose activities include community service, scholarship and social events. The Ladies are involved in an array of activities on and off campus and share the common strong bond of sisterhood. This past year the ladies hosted the all black light party blackout at Memories in uptown. In addition, the annual Athenian sponsored Breast Cancer Awareness week in October proved to be a great success.

The Franklin Society, founded in 1921, was the earliest Whittier College fraternity. The fraternity began as a literary society that based itself on virtues espoused by Benjamin Franklin; the society of young men and faculty decided to honor an American hero rather than Greek letters. Throughout its history, the Sons of Ben boasts a distinguished roll of members including academics, public servants, successful business owners, and even a president of Whittier College.



“Individually Unique, Together Complete,” Ionians pride themselves on sisterhood, giving back to the community, building leadership, and promoting the individual. Ionians celebrate their differences and work together as a whole.

The Lancer Society seeks to represent the true spirit of Whittier College, to publicize it abroad, to instill the motive of service without desire for reward, to carry on social and cultural programming, to be helpful to new students, and to create and maintain activities for the betterment of the students and the College.



The Metaphonian society celebrated their 85th anniversary with many memorable moments. In early September the Mets and Lancers collaborated to bring “wet n’ wild!” to Whittier College. The event was sponsored by redbull and was a huge success. In the fall they joined the efforts for “Toys for Tots”, participated in Helping Hands Day at Interfaith Food Center and in the spring they continued to support the American Cancer Society, in collaboration with the Thalian Society, to bring back “Daffodil Days”. Their annual Club Shamrock was a huge success and proved to be a great way to celebrate St. Patrick’s day.

The mission of the Orthogonian Society is to provide an environment for individuals who are striving to reach their full potential, in the field of academics, athletics, and personal growth, while taking on various responsibilities which provide services for our school, and the community. In the process of accomplishing different goals, Orthogonians will display wholehearted values such as: giving 100 percent to every task we pursue, demonstrating the true meaning of brotherhood, being true to ourselves, working smarter and harder, taking advantage of strength and improving upon weaknesses, and venturing through life with a heart full of bravery.







The Palmer Society is Whittier College's oldest women's society tradition. They take pride in their tradition of friendship, loyalty, scholarship, and service that our sisterhood has brought to the Poet campus since 1921. This year, the Palmer Society stayed busy with social events like Open House, Homecoming Brunch with alumni, and Rush, which included a trip to a roller rink. The Palmer Society participated in a 5k Walk "Step Out Against Domestic Violence", went Christmas Caroling at a number of retirement homes, collected donations for UNICEF and visited local elementary schools to read to children.



This past year was an eventful one for the Sachsen Society. In the fall, the group co-hosted a Halloween party known as "Fracsenstein" with the Franklin Society. For the first time, the Sachsens decided to hold an event in the fall. As per tradition, the Sachsens put-on their largely successful spring outside event, "Psychedelic Circus." The group had a blast serving the community during Freshman Move-in and Helping Hands Day, where they used their talents to prepare for the Salvation Army for their annual holiday present collection.



The Thalian Society consists of a group of finer women that was established in 1929. This past fall they held many different recruiting events, including open house and rush. In January we welcomed in a new pledge class of amazing young women, and then in the spring we held two social events. The first was Club T's Me, which is an event that the Thalian Society holds every year. This year we also co-hosted a new event on campus, called Battle of the Bands. This event allowed local musical groups to come to the Whittier College Campus to compete and showcase their talent.



The William Penn Society is an organization made up of individuals with many different talents, backgrounds, and personalities. The Penns encourage diversity and believe in strength through individuality. The society provides opportunities for service and for social and personal growth.

# Society Overview

Compiled by Magaly Perez



Inter-Society Council (ISC) is the student governing body for Whittier's 10 Societies (local fraternities and sororities). The Council is comprised of a representative of each Society and is co-chaired by a female and male Society member. ISC exists to promote beneficial relationships between the social Societies of Whittier College, providing self-governance of Society affairs and a venue to resolve differences between Societies. Additionally, ISC develops policy, promotes educational and social programming, coordinates system-wide community service efforts, fosters inter-Society relations, and furthers excellence in the areas of: scholarship, leadership, and service.





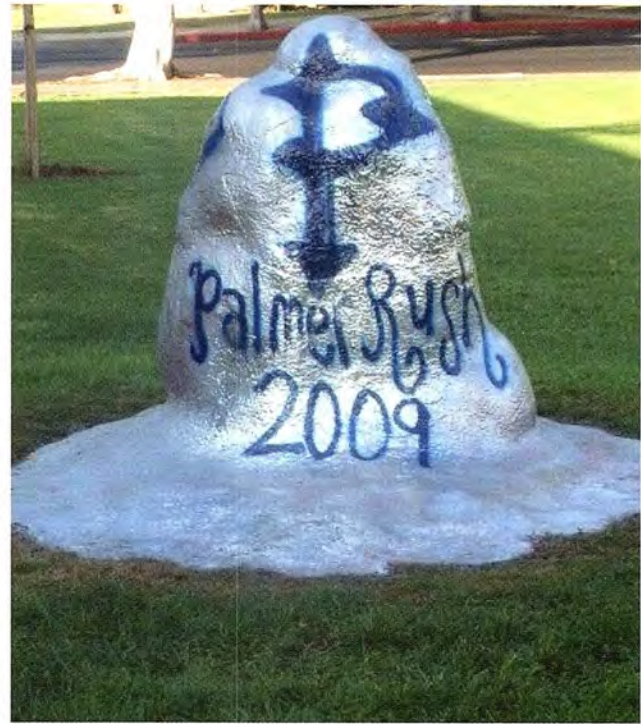
# Palmers

Photographs Courtesy of the Palmers



A group of active Palmers come together to pose with newly graduated fellow sisters.

The painted rock of blue and silver celebrates the Palmer's annual rush event.



This pledge class cannot help but smile as they become official new members of the Palmer Society.





# Franklins

Photographs Courtesy of the Franklins



Members of the Franklin Society take advantage of the sunny California weather to barbecue.

Two Franklins take some time out of their busy schedule to sit and talk among one another.





# Metaphonians

Photographs Courtesy of the Mets

Members of the Mets get dressed up and ready for a fun night in Whittier.



Active Mets made sure to show support to their graduating sisters.



This year, the Mets celebrated 85 wonderful years of sisterhood.



Showing their competitive spirit, the Mets put on costumes for this year's Spring Sing.



Another year of rush was celebrated by the Mets in the fall.





# Lancers

Photographs Courtesy of the Lancers



At a competitive, tiring game of football, members of the Lancer Society pose for a quick photo.



The Lancers are forced to say goodbye to one of their brothers at graduation.



Lancer actives and alumni watch and cheer on their new brothers and the 2010 Convocation.





# Athenians

Photographs Courtesy of the Athenians

An Athenian shows her pride for her society at their annual carving activity in the upper quad.



Three Athenians enjoy the cool evening with one another and happily take a small group photo.



Actives take a moment from their conversation for a quick photo.

The "A" of the Athenians was one of the many carvings that could be found on the pumpkins.





# Orthogonians

Photographs Courtesy of the Orthogonians



The Orthogonians became well acquainted with water during Side Saddle Week.

A student takes advantage of the opportunity to pie one of the active members.



One of the many memorable moments from the Orthogonians performance at Spring Showcase.



The Orthogonians show their unity at the club fair for newly admitted students.



After weeks of hard work and long hours of practice, the Orthogonians are now the winners of the Spring Showcase of 2010.





# Thalians

Photographs Courtesy of the Thalians



Sporting a 80s theme, Thalians wore leg warmers and neon shirts at the Spring Sing.



Thalians decorate their table with photographs, poster boards, and other items to show their sisterhood pride.



Thalians pose for a photo after painting the rock.



Wearing elegant dresses, the Thalians were ready for a great night at their formal 2010.



Nine new sisters were added to the Thalian society this year.





# William Penns

Photographs Courtesy of the William Penns

The William Penns was one of the societies with the largest pledge class.



The new brothers of the William Penns show off their acapella talents at Spring Convocation.



The William Penns' flag is a vital symbol for the brotherhood.





# *Ionians*

Photographs Courtesy of the Ionians



New members of the Ionian Society, as well as old actives take a picture together in front on the rock.



Another content photo of the Ionian society is quickly snapped.



Painting the rock is one of the longest traditions at Whittier College.





# Sachsens

Photographs Courtesy of the Sachsens



Alumni and actives reunite with one another at one of the many alumni events.



An active member shows his enthusiasm for one of the Sachsen events.



Sachsens pose for the camera, which captures both humor and joy.



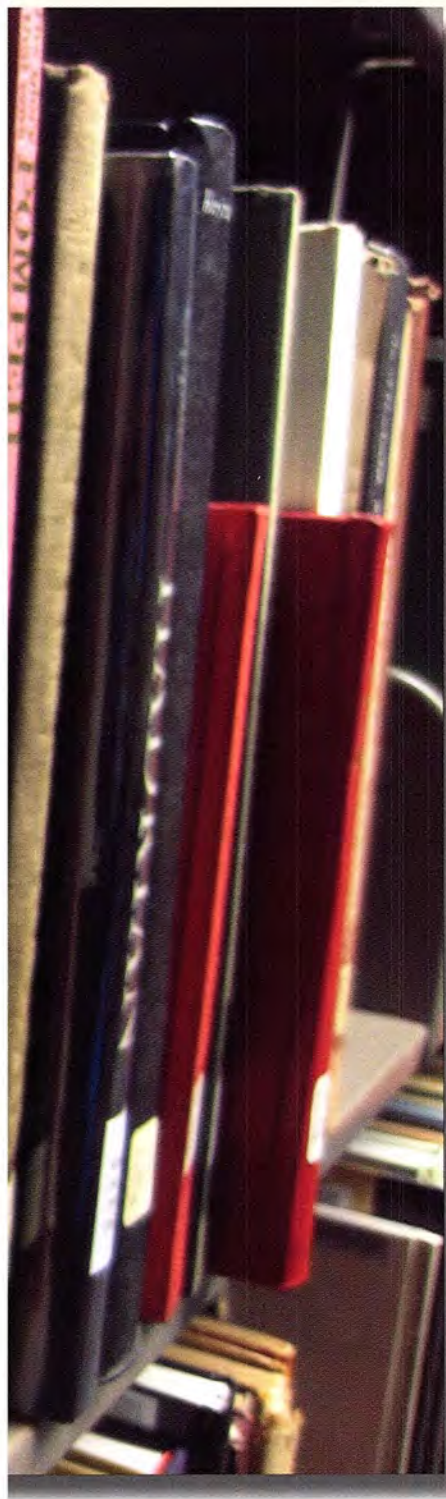


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At Whittier College, illumination occurs within the classroom. Illumination is something that happens with the gaining of knowledge and the discovery of new ideas. With the help of Whittier's amazing faculty and staff, each student is granted the opportunity to become illuminated, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Through Whittier's vast array of challenging and interesting courses, whether it's in a student's major or not, they will most likely come out of it with a new understanding of the subject matter. However, because Whittier is a liberal arts school, the student will almost always come out of the class at the end of the semester with a greater understanding of the world and the role of the new information gleaned within this context.

It is not only the help of the professors that allows students this great opportunity, but also the staff from each of the offices on campus which serve the social, business, and health needs of the student body. Without these wonderful people behind the scenes, our lives at Whittier would not be as bright as they are.

Because we have these bright resources, each of us leaves Whittier with a real sense of who we are and the extent to which our own brightness can reach, so that we can illuminate and aide everyone we come into contact with and share some of our light with them.

Through the academics here at Whittier, each inner light is fostered and fanned so that when we leave, we have the tools to spread our light throughout the world.

By Kate Normand, Editor-in-Chief





# Poets *Study Abroad*

Compiled by Joseph Aldama

by Shilpa Thakar

My study abroad experience was pretty much a whirlwind of different experiences. It was my first time being away from home for 6 months, After living in California all of my life, a city where it snows was definitely far from normal. After shaking off all the little things that didn't matter, I absolutely fell in LOVE with Paris. The language (partially the reason I picked to study abroad there because it's a Francophone country and I'm a biology and French double major) became easier and easier to speak with native Parisians such as my host parents and my professors. I found it comical that, unlike Americans, the French laze over a doll-sized cup of coffee for hours, and never take to go cups. It was great to see that a culture that has such a stiff and sometimes snooty exterior takes the time to really enjoy life with long afternoon breaks and weekend picnics by the river Seine with cheese and wine. Although taking classes in a French University was difficult, due to the difference in work ethic and student/teacher interaction, it was a good way to really immerse myself and learn in a huge classroom setting. I also had an internship at the Alfred Fournier Institute of Infectious Diseases which I absolutely loved. Working in a French molecular biology lab was a good way to get in tune with technical words and protocol that I would not have been able to learn as easily otherwise. I think that despite all the times I missed home, or the fact that I didn't have a stand-up shower, the good most definitely out weighed the bad. Its all a step of habituating yourself to the point where you are in your life, and for me, Paris was a great learning experience, for both educational and life lessons.

Shilpa Thakar '11, Abigail Chansler, '11, and a new friend enjoy the beautifully lit Eiffel Tower on their first night abroad.



Sitting in front of Rodin's "The Thinker" at Musee Rodin. While abroad, students were able to explore many famous art pieces.



Abigail and Shilpa '11, receive a special visit by friend Kristina Shaw. They went to see the lovely scenery at the top of Sacre Couer in Montmartre.





Mary Helen and her new friends from the abroad program are very excited to have the opportunity to study in a different country.



by Mary Helen

San Miguel de Allende is a beautiful colonial town deep in the heart of Guanajuato, Mexico. In contrast to the flashy resort towns on the coast, SMA is a bit more run-down (after all, it has been there since the 1500s), but has an historic authenticity that calls to its many visitors and inhabitants. Our Advanced Poetry class traveled to SMA with Dr. Barnstone to participate in the SMA Poetry Week, a workshop/festival that gathers both published and novice poets from the U.S. and Mexico together for a week of composition and community. During our all-too-short time in SMA, we met with many famous poets and had time to explore the city on foot, minding the slippery cobblestone sidewalks as it rained on-and-off while we were there. Although the weather was not always cooperative, it was hard to feel cold because of the beauty and warmth of the vibrantly colored buildings and friendly people. Each day was a new mini-adventure, as we had workshops in the morning, readings and speakers in the evenings, and time each afternoon to wander the narrow streets and find a new spot for lunch or a hand-made pottery item (one of the specialties of the region) to bring home to a friend. Overall, un viaje maravilloso that we wished could have lasted much longer.



by Bryanna Benedetti

As the first Whittier College student to study abroad in Sri Lanka, I was not sure what to expect. Sri Lanka is an exotic island off the Southern coast of India, known for its tea, majestic elephants, diversity of religion and culture, and most recently its Civil War, which ended in May 2009. Both nervous but excited, I chose the program because it offered me the chance to broaden my horizons to include cultures that I had never imagined would play a part in my life.

During my 4 month stay in Sri Lanka, I attended the Inter-collegiate Sri Lankan Education Program (ISLE). I took classes on Material Culture of Sri Lanka, Sinhala language, women's studies, and Art, Drama, and Poetry. In addition, I participated in Kandyian dancing, Batik lessons, and was given opportunities to explore the island. I lived with a host family, which was the greatest experience I had in Sri Lanka. During my last month, I conducted a research study in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, on Sri Lankan youth policy and empowerment, as part of the independent study component of the program. The program was the most rewarding experience I have had in my life thus far, and I hope the program will continue to broaden the horizons of Whittier College students in the future.



Absorbing the beautiful view as they hike down the trail.



Bryanna Benedetti gets immersed into the culture and she dresses in traditional garments with her fellow classmates.





# Admissions



Top Row: Kieron Miller, Eric Boteilho  
 Middle Row: Erasmo Fuentes, Darryl Foy, Celbie Velez, Renee Miller, Annette Van Wagner, Lisa Meyer, Chris Dedmon, Andrew Jezierski, David Laine, Gabriel Chabran  
 Bottom Row: Christine Hill, Raquel Villalobos, Stacey Doran

# Art



David Sloan, Jenny Herrick, Daniel Jauregui,  
 Not Pictured: Ria O'Foghludh, Paula Radisich, Simone Luek, Rachel Roske, Caitlin Lonegan, and Todd A. Smith, Adriana Tchalian, and Erin Vaden





# Biology



Sylvia Vetrone, Erica Fradinger, David Bourgaize, Cheryl Swift  
Not Pictured: Stephen R. Goldberg, David N. M. Mbora,, Hector Valenzuela

# Business



Lana Nino, David Crain, Jeffrey N.Decker, Daniel Duran, Charles R. Laine,Milica Milosavljevic, John Neu, Maureen Nerio,  
Not Pictured: Baokim Coieman, Renee florsheim





# *Career/Internship*



Linda Ross, Aracely Torres, Christine Hankawa, and Sally Cardenas

# *Chemistry*



Top Row: Charles Reeg, Ralph Isovitsch, Priscilla Bell  
Bottom Row: Amy Moskun, Devin Iimoto





# *Child Development*



Heather Brace , Don Bremme, Ivannia Soto-Hinman, Kathleen S. Ralph, Kathe Robbs, Kay Sanders, Shannon Stanton, Judith Wagner, Linda Brennan, Catherine George, Aiddee Tellez, Holly Lopez

# *Cultural Center*

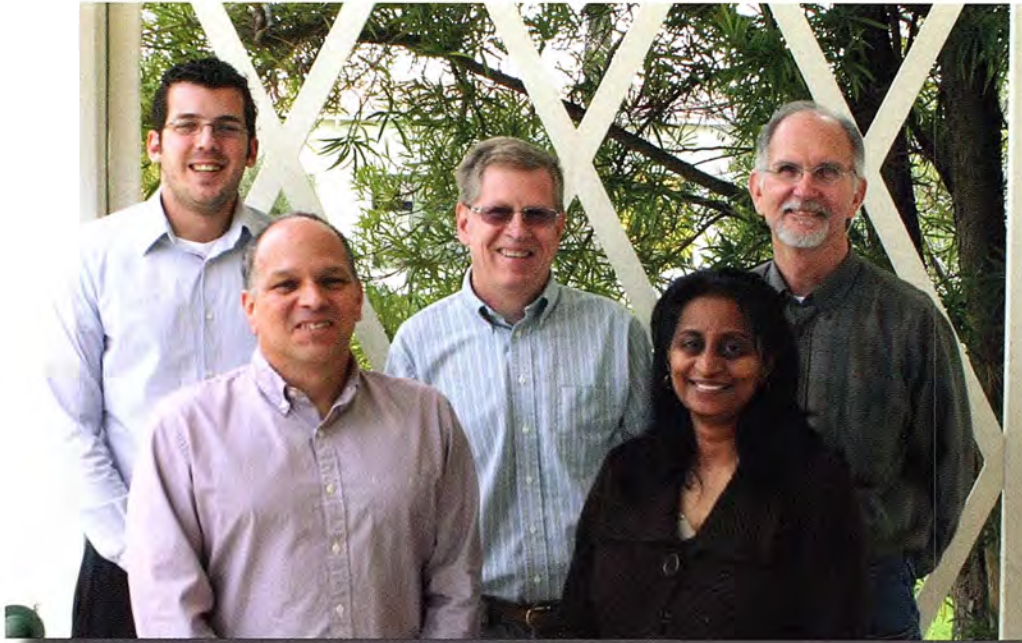


Joy Hoffman, and Luz Galbreath





# *Economics*



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# *Education*



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Second row: Kathleen Ralph, Holly Lopez, Catherine George

Third Row: Shannon Stanton, Kay Sanders, Judith Wagner, and Don Bremme  
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# *English*



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# Clubs & Organizations





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In college we all find our niche. For some it is found within their major, others in athletics. However, many find their home in some sort of club or organization. Illumination, as we know, comes in many forms, and the many clubs and organizations on the Whittier College campus allow students and faculty to be illuminated and to spread that light to others in the larger community.

At Whittier, many majors also have clubs sharing their name, such as Math Club and Biology Club. These clubs allow students majoring or minoring in the subject to interact with others and learn together. Similarly, oftentimes, if Poets cannot major in a subject but still love learning about it, the club allows them this otherwise lost opportunity.

Other clubs serve as an outlet for fun or community. AOKP and the Ultimate Frisbee club are two diverse examples of WC clubs which serve as fun distractions from homework and other obligations, and the campus would not be complete without them. Infusing fun and service, Circle K gives Poets the opportunity to give back to the community, as do the various honors societies and diversity clubs. Not a day goes by outside the CI without a club or organization spreading their love of the community or a specific subject or interest, which helps to inform and illuminate the students and faculty of Whittier College.

By Kate Normand, Editor-In-Chief





# *Acropolis*



# *Asian Student Association*





# *Biology*



# *Black Student Union*





# *Cheer*



# *Dance Team*





# *Environmental*



## *KPOET*





# *Math*



# *M.E.Ch.A.*





# *Philosophy*



# *Psi Chi*





# *Quaker Campus*



# *Rugby*





# *TOBGLAD*



## *Video Production Studios*





# Intramural Football

by Acropolis Yearbook staff and Joseph Aldama

It is a time when students can come together to create football teams with the most outlandish names and show their football skills as they play for to win the championship, but really the title is the best. The teams are a mixture of Guys, Ladies, and Alumni, which creates an interesting combination, but in the end they are all striving for one goal, which is to be number one. This allows football fans and your not so average football player to come together and have some fun!

Photos By Acropolis Yearbook



Los Indios Imaginarios beat out the other teams and achieved their goal to be number one. They show their spirit.



After a hard played flag football game, these Poets stop to enjoy the paparazzi.



Team Soggy Biscuits huddling up to discuss what their next move for a touchdown will be.





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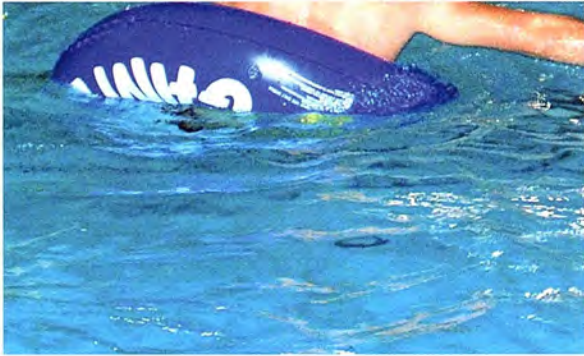
Being number one didn't mean  
winning the championship for this  
team, they had an unbelievable  
amount of team spirit and really knew  
what it meant to play for fun!



Don't just call these guys soccer players, they have some football skills too!







**Above:** A player from the orange team gets ready to make a point for his team.

**Right:** The defense from the orange team seems to powerful for the red team to overcome.



Photos by Quaker







# Intramural *Inner-tube* *Water Polo*

by Eric Drucker and Joseph Aldama

Inner-tube water polo was a game that took place in the swimming pool during the evenings, every Wednesday night. There were a few different games every night. One game would be happening every hour. The game had five players in the pool and one goalie with as many substitutes as you wanted to have so that way to include everyone who wanted to play. But each team needed to have five players and one goalie otherwise they would forfeit. Usually nobody forfeited though because other teams loaned their players to the teams that did not have enough players so that way every team could play. The game was basically water polo, but instead of swimming, you had to be in an inner tube. The goalies had to be in an inner tube, but they had a different way of being in the inner tube. They did not need to sit in the tubes like the rest of us; they just had to be inside the tube, not sitting on top of the tube. They had easier movement than the rest of us because they had to stop the shots. The rules made it so everyone who participated could and did have fun.

The game was really fun and entertaining for our team because it was the people who I lived with in Harris and it was really nice because we spent the time before the game preparing with each other, making a team song, creating our uniforms, just preparing ourselves for the game.

In our community building, we kept our record on the board and we put up our schedule, just so everyone who wanted to participate and cheer us on could because they knew when we were playing. It was a lot of fun because I think that it brought us much closer as a community. I not only enjoyed playing, but I really enjoyed watching it. My team made it to the semifinal round and eventually we lost to the team that was the runner-up. I remember watching the games after the game that kicked us out of the tournament and those games were really exciting and fun to watch!

They were really high scoring and really close games, so it was very exciting for me to watch. I remember watching the final game and it was a very stressful game because the teams were both very competitive and invested in winning the game. One of the teams that were in the final game only had three players, so you would have thought that it would have been an easy victory, but they had an amazing strategy and they kept it close throughout the entire game, so it was very exciting for me to watch! All the games were very exciting for me to watch and I really enjoyed being a participant and a spectator of it and I cannot wait to play again next year!

ve: In order to participate in this mural sport, Poets had to sit on air s and were forced to rely on their feet hands in order to move around the

: The red team attempts to block a from the opposing team.





# Intramural Volleyball

by Joseph Aldama

Intramural volleyball was just added to the list of Whittier College intramural sports this year. It is a fun way for students to get together to have a good time, and enjoy some good competition amongst their fellow classmates. Many of the male students enjoy this because there is not an NCAA men's volleyball team on campus. This serves as a great alternate for those who would still like to play, or for those who would like to learn more about the game. The teams were made up of both the men and women of Whittier College. It was open for all skill levels to join in and play. All of the teams that signed up and played had a great time and are looking forward to competing again next year, especially the defending champions.

This player tosses the ball up and gets ready to smash the serve over the net.



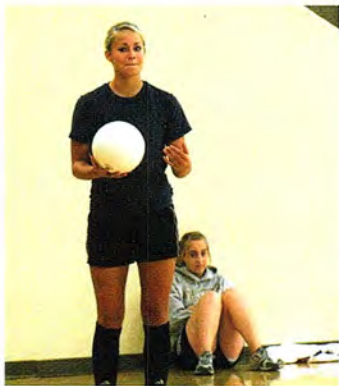
Below: These players high-five each other after making a successful play that earned them the lead in game.



Above: Player discuss amongst themselves how to better improve their last play and what their next tactic will be.

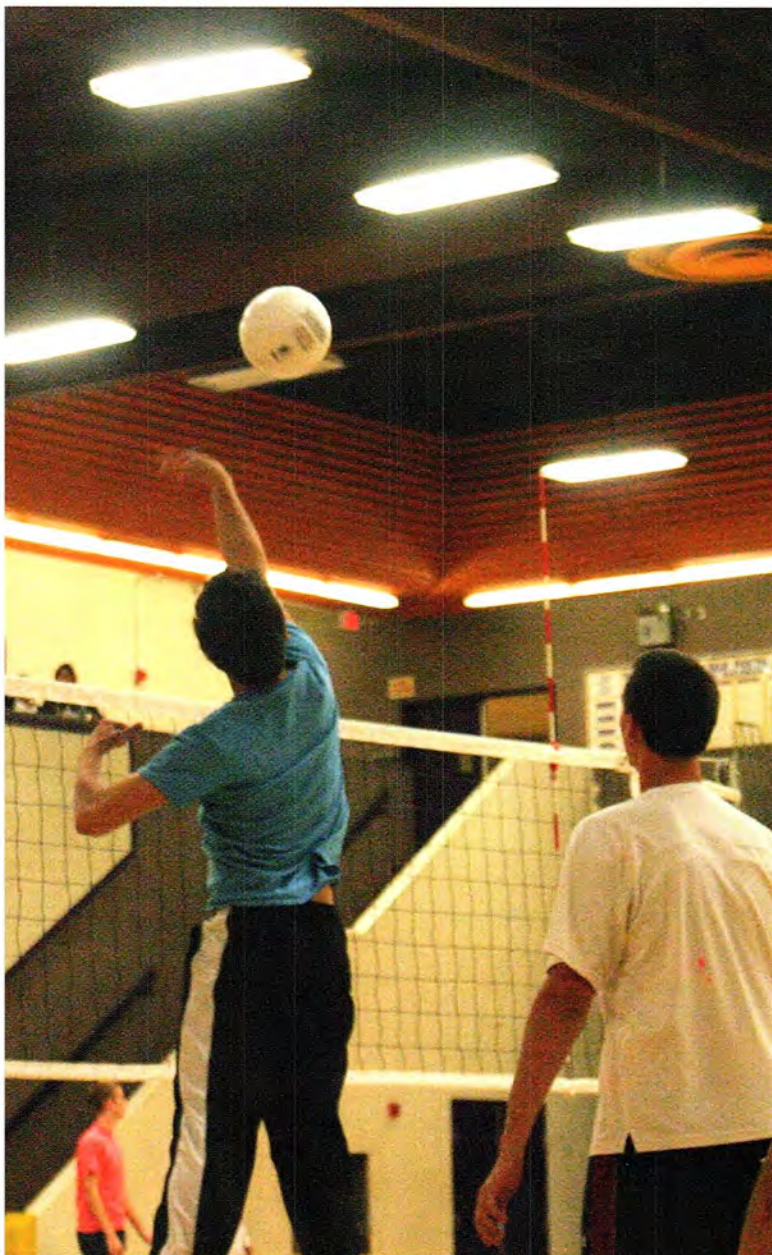






**Left:** This player is waiting for the whistle so she can send her float serve over to the other team to try to confuse them and force a mistake.

**Below:** A Poet attempts to smack the ball back to the opposing team before it hits the floor.



Photos by Quaker Campus and Acropolis



**Above:** This team huddles up to congratulate each other after a successful night of intramural volleyball.



**Above:** This player is looking for a gap to serve the ball to score an ace.

**Left:** A Poet spikes the ball over the net as another player tries to block it.





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As some Poets find illumination in clubs, still others find it in the many sports offered at Whittier. Athletics not only serve the individuals involved in playing the sport; they also serve the larger College community, illuminating all who sit in the bleachers, watch and cheer on with immense Poet Pride.

Without Athletics, weekends and homework-less weeknights would be missing something special. The college would not be as populated or as animated a campus as it is without the action and adventure offered by all the Poet teams.

Win or lose, the teams fighting for Poet glory under the bright stadium lights bring an illumination that makes Whittier what it is: a bright, community full of adventurous and strong individuals who bring us joy and sadness, and most of all, pride.

By Kate Normand, Editor-in-Chief





# Scoreboard

W	31-28	Sul Ross @ El Paso, Texas(09/12/09)
L	28-24	Menlo (09/26/09)
L	45-14	@ Cal Lutheran (10/03/09)
W	21-6	@ Chapman (10/10/09)
L	44-13	@ Redlands (10/17/09)
L	15-7	Pomona-Pitzer (10/24/09)
W	34-21	@ La Verne (10/31/09)
L	21-17	Claremont-M-S (11/07/09)
L	44-23	Occidental (11/14/09)

Fired up and ready to score, the team lines up to show what they are made of.

The Poet offense fights their way to push the ball down the field.

The quick and skilled poet player flies past the outstretched arms of the Menlo defense as he runs for a touchdown.



Junior **Josh Lomeli** takes a moment with the coach to plan their next move against their opponent. Lomeli played an important role for the team's defense, leading them with 52 tackles.



The Poet reserves watch and strat as they anxiously await for their turn on the field.







The Poet football teams line up as they are eager to begin the game with a kick from sophomore **Eric Cejudo**.

Junior **Josh Ollison** fakes left and drives the ball down the field. Ollison led the team in receptions this season with 25.



Photos by Sean Bahar and Brianne O'Doherty

# GameTime

By Joseph Aldama

The football team had been training hard all season, arriving early for the school year to start their training. Every day they worked hard in preparation for the season to begin. It all paid off when they started off with a bang. The Poets earned a win in the first game of their season in Texas over Sul Ross State. With a win under their belt, all of the spectators were excited for their return to Whittier.

The poet football team is always a team to see. They bring high energy to every one of their games, making everyone excited for the game. Many people came out to support the team, especially because this season marked Whittier College's 100th year of football. On the day of the Poets' first home game, former Poet football team members came out to tailgate with some great food and activities as they anxiously awaited the game. The game was very exciting and all of Whittier's current students and alumni had a great time. Whittier College is very proud to have been able to carry on this sport for 100 years.

This season, with the help of the Ovarian Cancer Coalition, the team also brought awareness to and raised money for ovarian cancer during its national month of September. They took part in a run/walk for the cancer and sported the official color of ovarian cancer with shirts on the sideline of their game against Menlo.

Overall, the team had a SCIAC record of 1 and 5. They fought hard all season and made their games competitive. This season placed five team members on the all-conference team. With time to get healthy, and most of the poets starting line returning, the poets are looking to make a splash next season and prove themselves to be true contenders for the SCIAC tournament.





# Women's Volleyball

Written & Photographed by Amber Orozco

Making a significant improvement from the 2008 season, the hours of hard work and team building finally paid off for Whittier's Women's Volleyball team with nine victories in the 2009 season. This year's team included three seniors, five juniors, four sophomores, and two freshmen all whom spent hours of practicing as they strived for improvement from their previous season record of three wins. Throughout the season, the Poets would discover that their refusal to quit would eventually pay off with a well-earned successful season.

The season for Women's Volleyball started off shaky with an opening lost against Lewis & Clark but they soon recovered with three consecutive wins, the first victory against long time rival Caltech. It was then followed by two more wins against non-conference competitors, Mills and La Sierra. The team experienced a few set backs as they lost against La Verne but once again proved themselves as tough competitors as they earned straight sweeps against Occidental, La Sierra, Caltech, and M. Aloysius. Impressively, the Poets were able to win seven of their nine matches with straight sets during the season which was made possible by the dedication of the team.

The offensive season was led by both **Aya Nakano**, and **Vanessa Amran**, '11. Nakano ranked second on the team for 29 service aces and had an overall 287 kills which ranked fourth in the conference. Her 28, season-high, kills were achieved against King's (Pa.) College, and led to a five-set victory. Amran served as the back support for the Women's Volleyball team with 605 assists, averaging 7.29 assists per game. The highest number of assists went up to an astounding 34 assists which was achieved on October 6th against Pomona-Pitzer. Significant contributions were also made by **Natalie Barajas**, '10, who had 118 kills and the second highest digs in the team at 228. The overall season ended with a record of 9-16 and a 3-11 for SCIAC. Though they experienced a tough loss against City College (N.Y.) due to a tie-breaker that led to a final score of 15-7, with continued hard work, the future is bright for this young team.



**Top Center: Shannon Orlins**  
'11 is aware and cautious of the ball as it comes towards her.

The Poets Volleyball team are in position and ready to strike down their opponent.







One of the Poets gets ready to spike the ball as they try and gain another point.



The Poets Volleyball team huddle together to discuss their next play against their opponent.

Shannon Orlins, '11 is up in the air in a stellar position to spike the ball.



Poets Volleyball team congratulate each other after a lone play.

## Scoreboard

L	3-0	Lewis & Clark (09/05/09)
W	3-0	Caltech(09/18/09)
W	3-0	Mills (09/19/09)
W	3-0	La Sierra (Unknown)
L	3-0	La Verne (9/22/09)
L	3-0	@ Cal Lutheran (9/25/09)
L	3-0	Claremont-M-S (09/26/09)
L	3-0	@ Chapman (9/29/09)
W	3-0	Occidental (10/02/09)
L	3-0	@ Redlands (10/03/09)
L	3-1	Pomona-Pitzer (10/06/09)
W	3-0	La Sierra (10/07/09)





# On *Your Mark...*

by Candace Wray, Kate Normand, and Joseph Aldama

The Poet Women's and Men's Cross-Country teams showed amazing dedication, talent, and strength during their 2010 season. They started off the season with a trip to Mammoth, where they spent their time training in the altitude by running twice a day up the steep mountains. After the intense training and fun in the mountains, these runners were in shape and ready to rumble on the trails. The Poet runners made their way up to Seattle, Washington to compete against Division I, II, and III schools at the Sundodger Invitational. **Kevin Mancilla, '12, Juan Bustos, '12, Bryce Holewinski, '11, Marco Leone, '12, and Jordan Vega, '13,** ran outstandingly to earn ninth place for the men's team. **Travis Airola, '12,** had a fantastic race at the SCIAC Multi-Duals at La Mirada Regional Park. Airola, 12th, helped lead the men's team to a sixth place finish.



**Kevin Mancilla '12,** is getting his second wind to finish the race as the women's team cheers him on. Teamwork is always important, and cheering a teammate on makes a big difference.

This Poet runner has no problem finishing the race, as he comes in with ease. The last mile is always the most daunting, but all the training this team put in made them strong and ready to compete.



Racing to the finish line, this Poet begins to make his move to pull ahead of the pack. Every second counts in this race and being able to push a little bit harder in the end will pay off.

Photographs courtesy of Sheri Litherland and Meghan Reynolds







## Scoreboard

16th	Titan Invitational (9/5/09)
	Bulldog Invitational (9/12/09)
15th	Sundodger Invitational (9/19/09)
9th	Regional Preview Meet (10/3/09)
6th	SCIAC Multi-Duals (10/1/09)
8th	SCIAC Championships (10/31/09)
15th	NCAA West Championships (11/14/09)





Striving for the best, this poet runner digs deep to push herself over the last stretch of grass to the finish line. This perseverance is what keeps the team moving strong.



Right: Michele Callaway, '12, pushes through the group to set herself for a top finish. Her hard work is what led her all the way to the NCAA Championships.





# Get Set... *GO!*

by Candace Wray, Kate Normand, and Joseph Aldama

The Poet Women's Cross-Country team showed dedication, determination and stamina during the 2010 season. Along with the Men's team, they traveled to Mammoth to begin the season. By training in the altitude, they were able to improve their strength and resistance, ultimately helping them maintain the great record they have built up. Throughout the season, the Poets continued racing strong and the women's team remained at their No. 10 ranking in the West Region. At the NCAA West Regional Preview meet, the Poet women had astounding performances as **Christine Verduzco '13**, **Eva Aguilar '12**, **Jamie**

**Slingluff '12**, and **Carly Tillery '12** helped earn the team fifth place. Members of the team were able to compete in the SCIAC tournament, including **Molly Litherland '12**, **Candace Wray '12**, and **Michele Callaway '12**. Callaway ran a powerful race to finish 4th and earn her 1st Team All-Conference Honors, while Wray earned 2nd Team All-Conference with her strong 16th place finish. Callaway then continued on to race at the NCAA Division III Championships; where she ran wonderfully to a 97th place. Overall, the team finished in 4th place, proving that it is a valuable sport on campus.



The Women's Cross Country team get a nice start at the beginning of the race to set the bar high for the other competing teams.

## Scoreboard

16th	Titan Invitational (9/5/09)
6th	Bulldog Invitational (9/12/09)
9th	Sundodger Invitational (9/19/09)
5th	Regional Preview Meet (10/3/09)
4th	SCIAC Multi-Duals (10/17/09)
5th	SCIAC Championships (10/31/09)
9th	NCAA West Championships (11/14/09)

Photographs courtesy of Sheri Litherland and Meghan Reynolds





# Scoreboard

Redlands (9/16/09)	W	2-1
Pomona-Pitzer (9/19/09)	L	3-0
@ La Verne (9/23/09)	L	1-0
@ Cal Lutheran (9/26/09)	W	5-4
@ Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (9/30/09)	T	0-0
Caltech (10/3/09)	W	7-0
Occidental (10/7/09)	W	4-2
@ Redlands (10/10/09)	T	1-1
La Verne (10/17/09)	W	2-1
Cal Lutheran (10/21/09)	W	2-1
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (10/24/09)	W	3-1
@ Cal Tech (10/28/09)	W	2-0
@ Occidental (10/31/09)	T	0-0
@ Pomona-Pitzer (11/1/09)	T	0-0
Redlands (11/4/09)	L	2-1

Kevin Hartsough, '13 flies past the defender to go for the goal.

Captain, DJ Covarrubias, '11, out runs his opponent to gain control of the ball.



Brendan McWalters, '11 muscles the ball away from his opponent to stop them from scoring. Brendan was a big factor in the teams defense.



Above: Adolfo Santos, '12 takes the ball past the defender and down the field to set up a scoring opportunity.

The Poet soccer team breaks out of a huddle before the game is about to begin. Strategy is key to winning games.





# Kicking *It Up!*

by Joseph Aldama

Photos by Annahita Kianpour and Robert Becerra

Below: Shea Harwell, '12 puts up a strong defense to regain possession of the ball.



The Poets men's soccer team returned this season eager to improve from a tough 2008 season. With fifteen new recruits, the team was sure success was in their future. Having completed a grueling pre-season camp, where the team fine-tuned their skills, they were ready to take on anyone. "Our only goal for the season is to make playoffs, which would be a huge step for us but we know we can do it," explained Captain **DJ Covarrubias, '11**.

The Poets opened up their season with a win against Johnson and Wales University from Rhode Island. Every game was filled with such high energy. The roar of the crowd lifted the team throughout the games played. With a win under their belt, the men's soccer team pushed on and began their conference games with a win against Redlands. The poets had not beaten Redlands in a soccer game since 1997. This momentum carried on through their season as they started an unbeaten streak in their fourth conference game against Cal Lutheran. This undefeated streak went on for the rest of their regulation season with eleven games. This great record placed the poets as the number two seed going into the SCIAC championships. "It felt fantastic. We were all really excited and looking forward to the playoffs and felt like we could do anything," said **Michael Read, '10**. Everyone's adrenaline was running high as the team stepped out onto the field for the semi-final game. The intense game went into overtime, where ultimately the poets fell short of the SCIAC finals.

The Poet soccer team fought hard throughout every game of their season. Their overall 2009 season record was nine wins, five losses, and four ties. This was the best record for the men's soccer team in recent memory. There were five poets who made it onto the all-conference team, including **Adolfo Santos '12**, Captain **DJ Covarrubias**, **Srdan Jovanovic '13**, **Michael Read**, and **Brendan McWalters '11**.

Whittier is very proud of the team. The future of the men's Poet soccer team looks great, as most of the players will be returning. The teams' goals for next season are "to win SCIAC, beat our record of eleven games unbeaten, and go undefeated at home" explained Adolfo Santos. The team will be coming back to try to earn the SCIAC title and a place in the NCAA Division III championship tournament.



**Michael Read, '10** clears out the ball from the goalie box. The proper kick down field can set the team up for a goal.





# Women's *Soccer*

by Amber Orozco and Joseph Aldama

Photos by Brianne O'Doherty and Quaker Campus

Despite not having a top record in the league, the 2009 season for the Whittier Women's Soccer Team can be seen as the first step towards a greater future. Many will agree that this has been the best season so far under head coach, Nicole Gervais. The Poets were not only able to end a 52-game losing streak but to two student-athletes were placed on the all-conference team. Freshman **Breeann Yamada** who started all 18 games of the Poets and scored two goals, earned first team All-SCIAC honors. Sophomore **Chesea Irha** was named the SCIAC Female Athlete of the Week with seven goals in early September. Senior, **Amanda Martinez** was the team leader in assists and earned all-conference honors under Coach Gervais. Besides the honors a Women's Soccer Team also reached their goal of sixteen goals within the first two weeks of the season. The community of Whittier can expect a exciting season for upcoming year.

**Briana Johnson, '13**, fights hard to get around and win the ball from the opposing team.



**Breeann Yamada, '13**, gets a step on the opposing player and passes the ball up to her teammates.



**Kaitlin Rafferty, '10**, reaches out for the ball to take back possession.







Amanda Martinez, '10, strides forward to send the ball up from a goal kick.



Melissa Davidson, '12, stretches out to tap the ball away from the other player.



Shelly Johiro, '12, steals the ball and dribbles around the opposing player ending the attack.



Aitlin Rafferty, '10, dribbles in the open field looking to score.

## Scoreboard

@ Redlands (9/16/09)	L	0-1
@Pomona-Pitzer (9/19/09)	L	0-6
La Verne (9/23/09)	L	1-2
Cal Lutheran (9/26/09)	L	0-3
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (9/30/09)	T	0-0
@Occidental (10/7/09)	L	1-7
Redlands (10/10/09)	L	0-4
Pomona-Pitzer (10/14/09)	L	0-4
@La Verne (10/17/09)	L	0-4
@Cal Lutheran (10/21/09)	L	0-9
@Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (10/24/09)	L	0-6
@ La Sierra (10/27/09)	L	0-2
Occidental (10/31/09)	L	0-3





Right: This swimmer back strokes his way across the pool with determination, and he goes for the gold.



As he finishes the race, this Poet is removing his goggles to check his speedy time.



Getting one more stretch in before the race begins. Making sure you are loose before an event is crucial to be able to move quick and with ease.







This Poet swimmer cuts through the water and flies past his opponents as he races to the finish.

# Men's. *Swimming & Diving*

Photos by Brianne O'Doherty

by Amber Orozco and Joseph Aldama

Though having both ups and downs throughout the season, the Men's Swimming and Diving Team had a successful and well deserved end to their '09 season. Sophomore **Tyler Aisner** was chosen as an All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference performer in the 1 Meter and 3 Meter Dives. Aisner finished 3rd place on the first day of the championships with a totaled score of 346.20 points. The second day of the championships was a day for breaking records with his total points of 408.95. Freshman **Damon Chandler** also gave memorable performance which qualified him for finals in the 100 and 200 Yard Breast. He was finished 7th in the 100 with a time of 1:00.27 and ranked overall 3rd among other finishers. His 200 Yard time of 2:14.83 earned him 5th place. **Juan Aguilar** broke his own personal record of 2:02.89 in the 200 Yard Back Stroke, earning him a ranking of 12th.

## Scoreboard

L	130-111 @Pomona-Pitzer (12/4/09)
W	169-72 @Caltech (12/5/09)
L	185-52 @Claremont-M-S(1/9/10)
L	105-100 @Occidental(1/16/10)
L	126-108 @La Verne(1/23/10)
L	182-52 @Redlands(1/30/10)
L	128-101 @Cal Lutheran(2/6/10)





# Women's *Swimming & Diving*

by Acropolis Yearbook and Thomas Aldama

This season was one that was given great effort and hard work by the Women's Swimming Diving Team of Whittier College. Though having lost against school rivals, Pomona-Pitzer and Occidental, the Poets continued to give strong dedication to the sport and team that they love. In late February, Sophomore **Nicole Beauchamp** set new records at the 2010 Southern California conference Championships at Belmont. Her total points were nearly 14 points better than Charolette Mitchel, who set the school record in 1991 of 355.80. She was beaten by Sarah Sharpe of Occidental College in both the 1 Meter and 3 Meter Dives. The Poets also broke an eight-year school record in the 200 Yard Relay. Though they were disqualified from the relay, the team trailed instead and received a time of 1:44:00. The previous record that was set in 2002 was 1:44:68.

The Poet swimmer is relaxed and cool under pressure as she finishes the race.



Photos by Brianne O'Doherty







The Poet swimmers dive out quickly into the water to get ahead of their opponent as fast as possible.

## Scoreboard

L	150-67 @Pomona-Pitzer (12/4/09)
W	177-65 @Caltech (12/5/09)
L	191-51 @Claremont-M-S (1/9/10)
L	124-112 @Occidental (1/16/10)
L	119-114 @La Verne (1/23/10)
L	125-33 @Redlands (1/30/10)
L	170-54 @Cal Lutheran (2/6/10)





# Men's *Water Polo*

by Ginger Maneske and Joseph Aldama

Photos by:Melanie Al-Amir

Next to soccer and football, water polo is a very intense physical sport. Our Poets water polo team contains exceptional and hard working athlete-students that go for the goal of winning games and showing that they can handle competition.

This year's men's water polo team has had an extraordinary season, placing third in the SCIAC tournament and fourth in WWPA tournament. The Poet water polo team has worked their way up to the top and it has shown throughout their games during the 2009 season. Their head coach, Justin Pudwill, has worked the team to great victories the past three seasons he has been coach.

**Alex Perry** and **Casey Regehr**, seniors, earned first-team accolades in the 2009 All-Americans, while **Rilesh Desai**, junior, was put on second-team and **Brandon Babot**, junior, earned an honorable mention recognition. All together, the Poets water polo team was first in the Collegiate Water Polo Association Division III poll and was tied with Redlands in first-teams recognition. They also place third in the SCIAC tournament, winning their third place game against Pomona-Pitzer.

**Chet Schuster**, '12, pushes himself above the water and extends his arm wide to defend the opposing team.







This Poet team member draws in the opposing defense to free up one of his own players as he passes them the ball for a scoring opportunity.



The men's water polo team listens carefully as their coach explains the new strategy for the remainder of the match.



Poet offensive player brings the ball down and launches it at the goal to score. With his momentum, there is no way the goalie would be able to stop this ball.

## Scoreboard

@Cal Lutheran (10/17/09)	<b>W</b>	12-6
La Verne (10/21/09)	<b>W</b>	20-11
Redlands (10/24/09)	<b>W</b>	11-8
@Caltech(10/28/09)	<b>W</b>	17-4
@Pomona-Pitzer (10/31/09)	<b>W</b>	10-9
Claremont-M-S (11/4/09)	<b>W</b>	10-8
@Occidental (11/7/09)	<b>W</b>	14-8





Right: **Arianna Weisenburger, '12**, sets herself up to strike the ball past the goalie for a goal.

Below: **Katrina Thoreson, '12**, holds the ball strong and away from the defender.



**Melissa Reynoso, '12**, looks for teammates to get open to take the ball down and score.



**Veronica Becerra, '11**, slings back her arm and is ready to fire the ball at the goal.

## Scoreboard

Occidental(3/31/10)	L	12-4
@Claremont-M-S (4/3/10)	L	8-5
Caltech(4/10/10)	W	15-3
@Redlands (4/14/10)	L	14-10
@La Verne (4/17/10)	W	14-16
Pomona-Pitzer (4/21/10)	L	8-5
@Cal Lutheran (4/24/10)	L	15-10





Coach Pudwill gives his team a strategy that will help his team win.



# Women's Water Polo

by Ginger Maneske and Thomas Aldama

Photos by Kevin Sun and Brianne O'Doherty

Water polo is an intense sport that requires not only a quick mental state, but also great physical ability. It is among the roughest, most challenging sports to compete in. Our women's water polo team has worked their hardest this season, exploding with talent and proving themselves tough every game.

This year, the women's water polo team has had their ups and downs during the season. They've worked their way throughout the season to a sixth place finish in the SCIAC championships, winning against Caltech. They unfortunately lost the first round to Cal Lutheran and won the second round against La Verne. Seniors, **Amanda Owen** and **Sarah Peel**, did a great job this season and left the water polo team with great talent.

**Xenia Castillo**, junior, was once again ranked in the all-SCIAC second-team. She has accomplished this in two consecutive years. The Poet team finished sixth altogether in the conference championships.



**Veronica Becerra**, '11, gets separation from the defender and looks to make a pass.

Coach Pudwill motivates his team to have a successful match.





Right: **A. J. Manalo, '10**, brings the ball down court and goes for the jump shot over the Pomona-Pitzer defense.

Below: **David Hayashi, '11**, does a quick stop to shoot a jumper and show the opponents who's house this is.



## Scoreboard

L	71-57	@Occidental(1/19/10)
L	75-73	@Pomona-Pitzer(1/13/10)
W	81-67	La Verne(1/16/10)
L	89-81	Redlands(1/20/10)
L	81-68	@ Claremont M-S(1/23/10)
L	65-51	@ Cal Lutheran(1/27/10)
W	103-65	Cal Tech(1/30/10)
L	70-64	Occidental(2/03/10)
W	89-53	Pomona-Pitzer(2/06/10)
L	66-62	@ La Verne(2/10/10)
W	88-77	@ Redlands(2/13/10)
L	67-54	Claremont-M-S(2/17/10)
L	78-71	Cal Lutheran(2/20/10)
W	93-61	@Caltech(2/23/10)



**DaMon Perry, '11**, powers through the defense and slams the ball in the basket. With this powerful forward playing for Whittier, the points are sure to be coming in.







# Men's *Basketball*

by Amber Orozco and Joseph Aldama

Photos by Kevin Sun

The Whittier Men's Basketball team kicked off their 2009-2010 season strongly with four consecutive wins against West Coast Baptist, La Sierra, Fontbonne, and Holy Names. The Poets faced a fierce competition against Holy Names as they battled throughout the night to gain the lead. Both teams went back and forth on the scoreboard and the game was forced down to overtime as Hawks were able to recover and tie the game at 92-92. The Hawks regained confidence at the beginning of overtime and took on an early five point lead. The Poets fought back with **Demon Perry's** 3-point play and the jumper made by **Jonathan Saucedo**. The forced turnover from the Hawks, allowed for **Drew Menez** to score, allowing the Poets to secure another win.

Like the game played against the Hawks, each game the Men's Basketball team put all their effort and dedication to every last second. Their enthusiasm for the game has not gone without notice as the team attracts hundreds of people from the Whittier Community who come to support their Poets. Over 400 people attended the Men's Basketball team game against Holy Names and almost 800 people at the game against La Verne.

The season for the Poets was very successful with 7 wins and one conference win as well. The Whittier community can anticipate another immense season for the 2010-11 school year.

**Center Left: Drew Menez, '11,** dribbles past the defense and puts one up.

**Left: Willie Mebane, '13,** snuck by the defense to lay the ball up and put two points on the board for the Poets.





# Women's Basketball

by Amber Orozco and Joseph Aldama  
Photographs by Taylor Chin

On November 17th 2009, the Whittier College Women's Basketball team had an astounding opening to its 2009-10 season with an 86-43 win over NAIA Southwestern (Ariz.) College. The Poets dominated the game with a total of 43 points by the end of the first half and continued their excellence with shooting over 43 percent from the field during the second half. This opening and victorious game was very reminiscent to Whittier's last season opener of 103-52 win over Pacific Union. The Poets continued their winning streak with two more wins against La Sierra and Pacific Union; both games were won by over thirty points. After a few losses against Biola, Lewis & Clark, and Occidental, the Women's Basketball team was once again on top of their game with victories over top ranked schools such as UC Santa Cruz.

The Poets continued to demonstrate their teamwork as they worked together to overthrow their rivals such as in an important game against Southwestern. The Women's Basketball team intimidated their opponents as they put on severe defensive pressure, leading to 22 turnovers for the Southwestern Eagles. **Brittany Aranda** and **Ashley Vierra** ended the game with over four steals while **Kourtney Zilbert**, '11 scored 19 points and had 10 rebounds. Both **Tina Merlino** and **Ashley Vierra** contributed with a combination total of 30 points. In a proud victory for the Poets, the Whittier College Women's Basketball team defeated their SCIAC rival Occidental by six points.

The close, but exciting victory was Coach Brad Burchslag's first win as a head coach of the Women's Basketball team against Occidental. Both the team and coaches' passion and love for the game has allowed the Poets to dominate the court and set high expectations for the team.

**Essence Scott**, '11, sees an opening and takes the shot to rack up two more points.



**Morgan Sabala**, '11, grabs the rebound and begins hustling down the court to set up an offensive attack. Rebounds are key to winning the game.





Right: Strong defender **Kourtney Zilbert, '11**, blocks the Cal Techs' offense from getting to the basket. Strong defense is what stopped Beavers' offense, leading to a win.

Below: Poet defenders swarm to trap the offensive player and prevent her from scoring.



# Scoreboard

W	76-43	@ Caltech (1/07/10)
W	78-72	@ Occidental (1/09/10)
L	64-61	@ Pomona-Pitzer (1/14/10)
W	77-65	La Verne (1/16/10)
L	61-39	Redlands (1/21/10)
W	69-56	@ Claremont-M-S (1/23/10)
L	72-55	@ Cal Lutheran (1/28/10)
W	76-51	Caltech (1/30/10)
L	71-53	Occidental (2/4/10)
W	69-57	Pomona-Pitzer (2/6/10)
L	76-53	@ La Verne (2/11/10)
L	74-55	@ Redlands (2/13/10)
L	80-61	Claremont-M-S (2/18/10)
L	69-64	Cal Lutheran (2/20/10)

Alex Bassett, '13, gets in a perfect defensive position to prevent the offensive player to find a lane.



High scorer, **Brittany Aranda, '12**, picks her spot and takes the three point shot that she knows she can make.



Kourtney Zilbert, '11, catches the ball from the floor and looks for an open teammate to take a scoring opportunity.





# Scoreboard

vs. CSU San Marcos Invite @ San Luis Rey Downs (2/9/10)	9th	+72
vs. La Sierra @ Candlewood (2/11/10)	1st	+16
vs. SCLAC #1 @Sierra La Verne (2/18/10)	6th	+37
vs. SCLAC #2 @ East Valley (2/25/10)	4th	+19
vs. SCLAC #3 @ Los Serranos (North) (3/7/10)	5th	+23
vs. Cal Lutheran Invitational @ La Purisma (3/28/10)		
vs. Cal Lutheran Invitational @ La Purisma (3/29/10)		
vs. Cal Lutheran Invitational @ La Purisma (3/30/10)	13th	
vs. SCLAC #4 @ Industry Hills (Babe Course) (4/5/10)	3rd	+21
vs. SCLAC #5 @ Empire Lakes (4/18/10)	5th	+21
vs. SCLAC Championships @ SCGA Member's Course (4/26/10)	7th	+45



This Whittier College Poet takes a look at the ball he just rocketed down the course to make sure it is on the right path.

Photos courtesy of the Whittier College Athletics Department







The Poet golfer winds up as he gets ready to tee off and hit the ball as far as he can.



The Whittier College golfer takes his time as he gets ready to sink this put.



This Poet golfer watches his ball sail towards the green as he follows through his hit.



The Poet golfer takes a look at the score card to make sure he is on track.

# Golf

by Amber Orozco and Thomas Aldama

A precision game that is said to have originated in Scotland during the 12th century, golf is one of the ten sports played around the world. Whittier, California is no exception. The Men's Golf Team of Whittier College began their '10 season early February slowly with a 9th place lost against Cal State San Marcos but soon recovered with their blowout against La Sierra. The team would continue throughout the season to stay within the top teams in each SCIAC match. At their final game the Poets finished seventh overall at their 2010 Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships at Murrieta. Greg Garcia'13, SCIAC Freshman of the Year, shot a 79 and 78 while Donny Garrison and Ryan Kitabayashi both shot a 74. The Poets would end their season with an overall fifth standing.





# Scoreboard

@Pomona-Pitzer (2/19/10)	L	3-13
Pomona-Pitzer (2/20/10)	L	3-14
Pomona-Pitzer (2/20/10)	L	1-18
La Verne (2/26/10)	L	2-13
@La Verne (2/28/10)	L	4-9
@ La Verne (2/28/10)	L	2-7
Caltech (3/5/10)	W	20-3
@Caltech (3/7/10)	W	26-3
@Caltech (3/7/10)	W	24-2
@Cal Lutheran (3/12/10)	L	4-11
Cal Lutheran (3/13/10)	L	8-10
Cal Lutheran (3/13/10)	L	4-5
@Claremont-M-S (3/26/10)	L	4-8
Claremont-M-S (3/27/10)	W	7-6
Claremont-M-S (3/27/10)	L	3-9
Redlands (4/2/10)	L	2-16
@Redlands (4/3/10)	L	3-8
@Redlands (4/3/10)	L	2-8
Occidental (4/9/10)	L	7-14
@ Occidental (4/10/10)	L	0-3
@ Occidental (4/10/10)	L	5-6
@Pomona-Pitzer (4/16/10)	L	1-15
La Verne (4/17/10)	L	3-20
Caltech (4/18/10)	W	18-5
@Cal Lutheran (4/23/10)	L	2-14
Occidental (4/24/10)	L	3-6
Redlands (4/30/10)	W	5-4
@Claremont-M-S (5/1/10)	L	6-8



Poet pitcher **Kevin Pigott, '10**, sees his target and extends to fire the ball through the strikes zone.







**Left:** This second baseman gets the force out at second and is going for the double play at first. Knowing where the base runners are is crucial to make the play.

# Baseball

by Ginger Maneske and Joseph Aldama

Photos by Ryan and Tiffany, QC Photographers

This season, the Poets Baseball team traveled to Arizona for the Arizona Desert Classic. During this tournament, they were able to pull off a win against Whitman, but lost against Linfield, Pacific Lutheran, and George Fox. During the California Invitational, they defeated Rutgers-Newark, but lost against Pomona-Pitzer, Ithaca College, and Puget Sound. These tournaments were very important to get the team ready for their season. They played hard and were never out of the games they played. Although the season was tough, they swept Cal Tech in March.

Freshman, **Jacob Storrer**, was named to the All-SCIAC second-team for 2010. He ranked third on the team this season and had a .342 batting average. Overall, the Poets baseball team this year had an extraordinary season and put in a great effort during the entire season. They are now training and looking forward to working harder and improving even further during their next season.



These Poet team members are eagerly watching and cheering on their teammates as they go up to bat.



Catcher **Nick Amicone**, '12, gives the sign to the pitcher and is ready to stop anything that comes his way.



**Left:** This batter for Whittier is set and has his eye on the ball to hit one out over the fence.





# Softball

by Ginger Maneske and Joseph Aldama

Photos by Ryan, and Tiffany Desy

This year, the Poets softball team received a new coach, Shelley Whitaker. The Poets softball team had an amazing season this year, exploding with great intensity and putting all their effort in every game. This season, they traveled to Arizona for the Tucson Invitational and competed against four other schools, winning two of those against Dickinson College and Whitworth University.

There were many freshman this year who joined the team and were a great addition to the already talented team, including **Kelli Miyahira**, **Cynthia Loza**, **Morgan Oliver**, **Ashley Perez**, **Courtney Grana**, and **Jessica Rosnack**. This year's team captains were seniors **Amanda Carrasco** and **Mary Pacheco**, and junior, **Jennifer Luders**, who led their team to great victories this season.

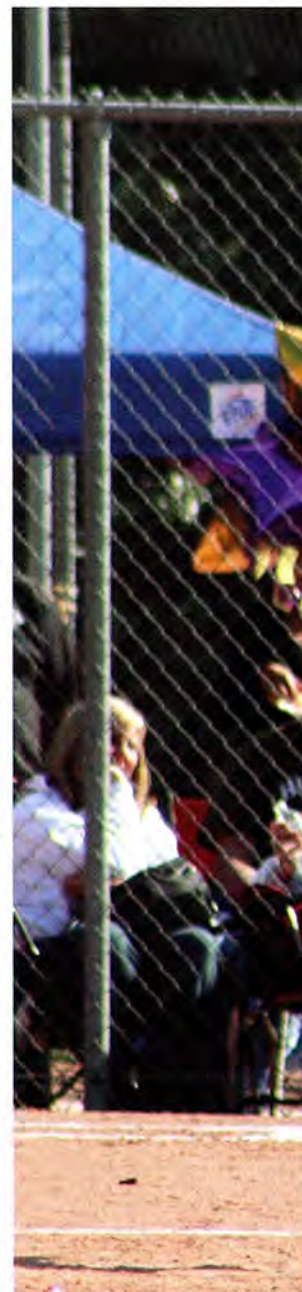
**Mary Pacheco**, senior, earned first-team recognition for the second year in a row in all-SCIAC. **Kellie Canida**, junior, earned second-team for the second year in a row as well. She had a .387 batting average this year, as well as six homeruns with 25 RBIs. **Jennifer Luders**, junior, followed **Canida** on second-team for the first time in her career. She batted a .343 average with 30 RBIs. The Poet softball team was eliminated from the 2010 SCIAC tournament unfortunately after losing to Claremont-M-S and La Verne in the first games of the championship.

The Poet runner at first is anxiously watching the pitch so she can a lead and hopefully advance to second from a pass ball or hit f her teammate at bat.



**Mary Pacheco**, '10, catches the fly ball hit to the outfield and throws it back in to stop the other runners from moving forward to the next base.

This Poet softball pitcher goes through her wind up to gain power before she releases the ball.







**Right:** Left fielder **Kellie Canida**, '11, stops the ball and is quickly ready to throw it in to the cut-off in order to prevent the runner from advancing.

**Left:** **Janae Townsend**, '12, runs to the ball so she can make the play at first. Playing at second base, she is quick on her toes.

**Below:** **Mary Pacheco**, '10, keeps her eye on the ball and arms extended as she swings and makes contact for a base hit.



# Scoreboard

Occidental (2/20/10)	W	13-4
Occidental (2/20/10)	W	9-0
Redlands (3/6/10)	L	7-9
Redlands (3/6/10)	L	1-12
@La Verne (3/9/10)	W	11-6
@ La Verne (3/9/10)	L	3-4
@Cal Lutheran (3/13/10)	L	0-10
@Cal Lutheran (3/13/10)	W	5-4
Pomona-Pitzer (3/14/10)	L	3-10
Pomona-Pitzer (3/14/10)	W	9-0
Claremont-M-S (3/27/10)	L	3-4
Claremont-M-S (3/27/10)	W	7-6
@Pomona-Pitzer (3/28/10)	L	6-8
@Pomona-Pitzer (3/28/10)	W	11-3
@Occidental( 4/2/10)	W	7-6
@Occidental (4/2/10)	W	9-1
@Redlands (4/16/10)	L	3-10
@Redlands (4/16/10)	L	2-15
Cal Lutheran (4/17/10)	W	7-4
Cal Lutheran (4/17/10)	L	3-8
La Verne (4/23/10)	W	9-6
La Verne (4/23/10)	L	2-11
@Claremont-M-S (4/24/10)	L	1-10
@Claremont-M-S (4/24/10)	L	1-9





Andrew Swett, '12, sees the open ball and begins to outrun his opponents to it.

# Men's *Lacrosse*

by Kate Normand and Joseph Aldama

The Whittier College Men's Lacrosse team ended its 2010 run with a winning record of 9-6. Through the tough practices and fast-paced, exciting games, these Poet men proved that hard work goes a long way.

Coach Brian Kelly led his team to an improved record from his debut season at Whittier the year before, winning three more games than in 2009. Though the practices were long and grueling, through rain or shine, the Poet Men's Lacrosse team showed that with determination comes reward. Winning 9 of their 15 games, the entire team deserves to celebrate a great season.

No team is complete without its all-stars, however and Men's Lacrosse was no exception. The team's goal totals were led by **Daniel McQuade, '12**, who made 40 goals over the course of the season, **Sam Russell '12**, with 31 goals, and **Lee Oshnock, '12** with 29 goals. The team also did very well with Russell and McQuade leading with 25 and 15 assists respectively. Goalie **Robert Bazlen, '12**, also had an amazing season with 140 saves.

With a record like that, it was too bad the team could not move forward onto the SCIAC tournament, but with a strong returning team, there is bright hope for next season.

**Sam Russell, '12**, brings the ball through a swarm of opposing defenders in hopes of getting a shot off and scoring a goal. Sam was the team's second leading goal scorer for the season.





Photos by Tiffany Desy



**Above:** Andrew Swett, '12, fakes out the defender and runs around him, looking for an open man to take the shot.

**Left:** These Poet players fight off the opposing team to win the ball back.



## Scoreboard

Southern Me. (2/19/10)	W	16-5
Southwestern (Tex.) (2/25/10)	W	24-4
Grand Canyon (2/27/10)	W	15-3
Drew (3/8/10)	L	5-8
St. Lawrence (3/10/10)	L	6-7
Ithaca (3/15/10)	L	3-11
Centenary (N.J.) (3/17/10)	W	16-7
MIT (3/23/10)	W	17-1
@Sewanee (4/3/10)	W	12-6
@Birmingham Southern (4/6/10)	W	9-8
@Greensboro (4/8/10)	L	11-12
@ Hampden-Sydney (4/10/10)	L	8-17
Notre Dame de Namur (4/17/10)	W	13-9
@Ohio Wesleyan (4/24/10)	L	9-10
@ Wooster (4/25/10)	W	10-9





Carolyn Mukai, '13, outruns the defense and sets herself up to strike the ball into the net.



Sarah Lamb, '10, runs toward the loose ball to scoop it up before the opposing team gets it.



Emly Mukai, '10, makes a great pass to Casey Connorton, '13, who looks to attack towards the goal.







Holtz, '10, brings the ball down  
eld trying to split the defense and

# Women's *Lacrosse*

by Kate Normand and Thomas Aldama  
Photos by TiffanyDesy

The Whittier College Women's Lacrosse team also experienced a successful season, led by their coach. Though the practices were difficult and long and held in all kinds of weather, the team really came together, earning their 6 victories.

The team was led throughout the season by **Carolyn Mukai '13**, who led with 68 goals, followed by **Lauren Bibby, '12**, with 41 goals, and **Emily Mukai, '10**, with 29 goals. **Trillium Santin, '11**, led the team with 15 assists. Goalie **Conny Joel '11**, had an amazing record of 115 saves for the season.

**Carolyn Mukai** had the honor of being named on the second-team All-West region at the close of the season. And though the team had a less successful season than they may have wanted, they did make it to the SCIAC tournament, and came out of the grueling season as a cohesive team, and there is little doubt that next year, they will work together to achieve their goal of a winning season.

## Scoreboard

@Claremont-M-S (2/24/10)	L	12-15
@Occidental (2/27/10)	W	16-12
Claremont-M-S (3/6/10)	L	13-24
Pomona-Pitzer (3/24/10)	W	25-10
@Redlands (3/31/10)	L	7-15
Occidental(4/14/10)	W	15-14
@Pomona-Pitzer (4/16/10)	W	20-15
Redlands(4/25/10)	L	11-19
Redlands (5/1/10)	L	6-14





# Men's *Tennis*

by Justin DeLong and Joseph Aldama

The 2010 season turned out to be a tough one, as there was much better competition in its non-conference schedule than in past seasons. It was a season of individual ups and downs but overall steady team play. The year began with high hopes, as there were many key returning players as well as a few strong freshmen joining the team. After a few wins and a close loss at the beginning of the season the team was looking good, but after a 7-2 loss to Pomona-Pitzer where there was the possibility of taking the match, spirits were dampened. In the next six matches the Poets would go 3-3.

Four losses in a row plagued the next string of matches to out of state foes. A few of these could have been won with a point or two won here or there. **Patricio Carregha** and **Julian Seneviratne**, the team's #1 and #2 respectively, were both playing superb tennis against many tough opponents. Senior's **Sean Robertson** and **Justin DeLong**, the team's #3 and #4 respectively, were playing inconsistently at this point in the season.

Although there were many close matches, many three setters even, there were not as many wins being recorded as there should have been in the middle of the lineup. The end of the lineup saw a slew of different players throughout the season

including **Gavin Smith**, **Frank Sun**, **Ryan Johnson**, and **Ted Wyatt**. The end of the season came around fast and the Poets entered into the SCIAC tournament against Redlands in the first round. The match ended as a loss even with strong individual play at the top of the lineup.

In the next round the Poet's ended Cal Tech's season with all around strong tennis. For fifth place the Poet's played Occidental. After #2 doubles won and #3 doubles lost, #1 was in a tiebreaker for the win. It went back and forth but the Poet's went down 2-1 after doubles play. After #5 and #6 singles lost the Poet's needed to win all four singles matches that were left on court. **DeLong** won the first set, lost the second and was down 0-2 in the third when he rattled off six straight games for the win at #4 singles. At #3 singles **Robertson** was down one set, 2-5 in the second but came back to win in an intense third set tiebreaker. At #2 Seneviratne was also in a third set tiebreaker but lost by two points in the end. **Carregha** continued playing well but ended up losing 6-3, 6-4 after playing a tough match against Oxy's top player.

Although the season could have gone better, these players had many great times together and all the returning players are looking forward to a great 2011 season.

This Poet tennis player serves the ball with ease he swings his arm around to the ball.





in DeLong, '10, starts off the match with a serve to his opponents in hopes of getting early lead.



# Scoreboard

@Pomona-Pitzer (2/13/10)	L	2-7
Claremont-M-S (2/19/10)	L	0-9
Occidental (2/20/10)	L	3-6
@Caltech (2/28/10)	W	9-0
@Cal Lutheran (4/2/10)	L	1-8
Redlands (4/3/10)	L	3-6
at Redlands @Pomona-Pitzer (4/16/10)	L	2-5
Caltech @Pomona-Pitzer (4/16/10)	W	9-0
at Occidental @Pomona-Pitzer (4/117/10)	L	3-6



Justin DeLong, '10, returns the ball back over the new, while Sean Robertson, '10, is ready to back him up.

Photos by Ryan, QC Photographer







**Above:** This Player is on her toes and ready for the return as her partner serves the ball in.



**Right:** This tennis player tosses the ball up and looks to slam the serve down.



## Scoreboard

Pomona-Pitzer (2/13/10)	L	0-9
@Claremont-M-S (2/19/10)	L	0-9
@Occidental (2/20/10)	L	1-8
Caltech (3/10/10)	W	6-3
@Redlands (4/3/10)	L	0-9
La Verne (4/10/10)	W	7-2
Cal Lutheran (4/11/10)	L	1-8
Claremont-M-S (4/16/10)	L	1-5
La Verne @Leffingwell Ranch Park (4/16/10)	L	4-5
Caltech @Leffingwell Ranch Park (4/17/10)	W	5-4





# Women's *Tennis*

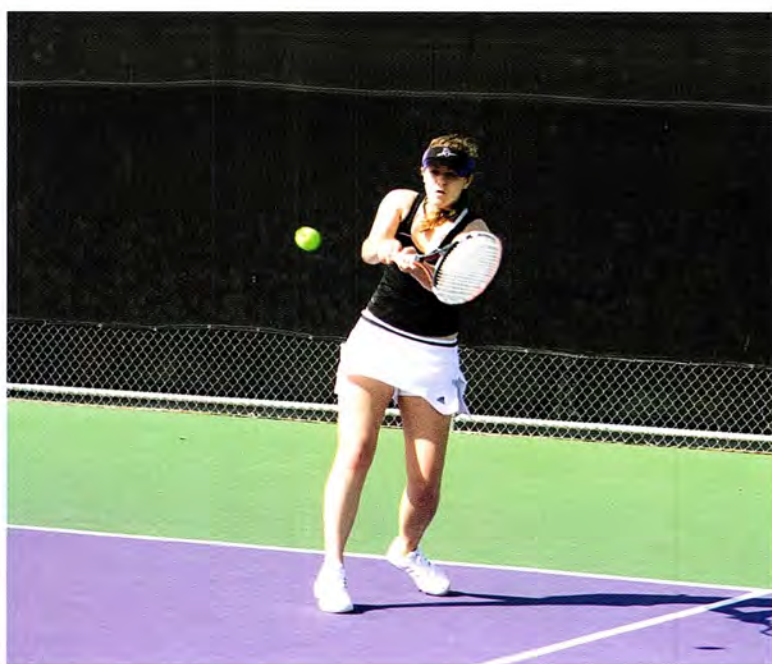
Kady Olikar, '12, runs up to the short ball and sends it back over.



by Ginger Maneske and Joseph Aldama

Two consecutive wins for the Women's Tennis Team of Whittier College is a nothing less than a great way to start off a season. With losses against Grand Canyon, Biola, and Pomona Pitzer after the first two consecutive wins, three more wins would follow. The Poets had a good season with a Overall Record of 7-11. These player ended their season with a seventh place win against Cal Tech in mid April. Doubles, Kady Olikar and Lauren Gelgu helped the Poets start off string wirg a 8-5 win. They were then defeated by La Verne in the second round with a small lost of 5-4. No.3 Team of Doubles, Elizabeth Reitzell and Rachel Aellion-Moss won at 8-4 which helped put the Poets ahead. Their final match ended with a win against Cal Tech.

Photos by Brad and Tiffany Desy



**Above:** This Poet team member is not going to let anything get by her as she goes for the ball.

**Left:** Nothing and no one can stop this Poet player from winning. She has determination in her eyes.





# Scoreboard

@ Pomona-Pitzer All-Comers (2/20/10)

@Rossi Relays (2/27/10)

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@Pomona-Pitzer Invitational (4/10/10)

SCIAC Multi-Dual #3 (4/17/10)

vs. SCIAC Championships @ Pomona-Pitzer (4/30/10)

vs. SCIAC Championships @ Pomona-Pitzer (5/1/10)

@Occidental Invitational (5/8/10)

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This Poet jumper springs off  
the ground and clears the bar with  
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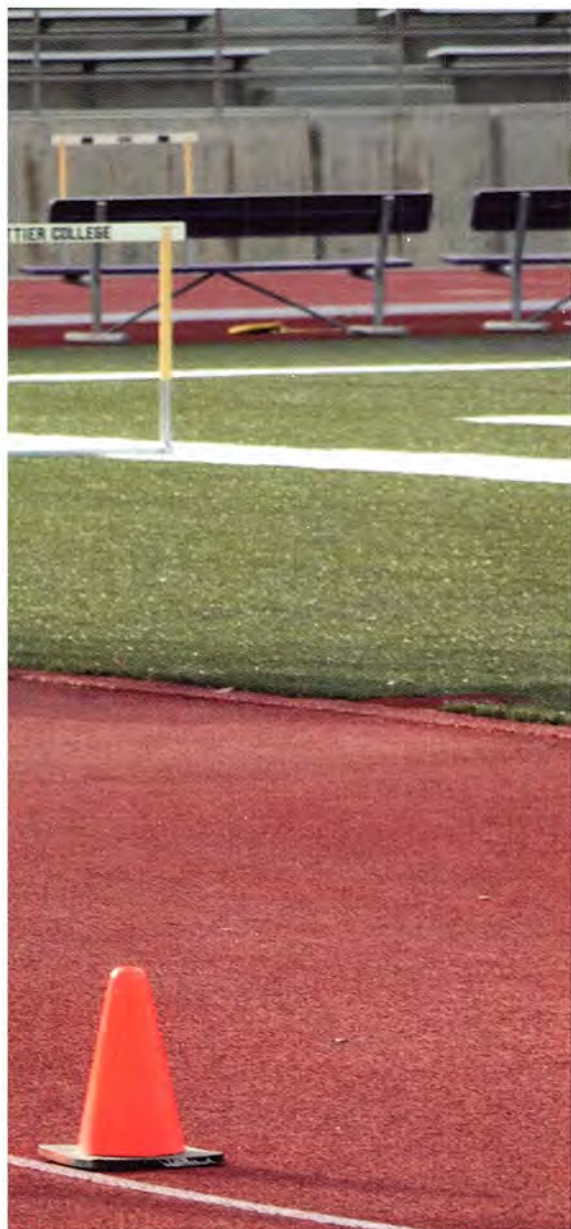


Right: Kevin Mancilla, '12,  
runs neck and neck with the other  
runner to see who will win the  
race.





Jordan Vega, '13, runs at a cool  
to the finish line.



# Men's *Track & Field*

by **Essence Scott and Thomas Aldama**

Photos by Ryan, QC Photographer

The men's track and field team could not wait to get the season under way and did it in a big way. The leadership of the older members helped shape the focus of the newer members and show them just what it meant to be a poet. Coach Hogan could not wait for the season to get started and knew that there was going to be some big things happening with the team.

The team kicked off their season in a big way with **Brandon Wilcox, '11** breaking the school record in the hammer throw. There were also great performances from **Oreese Hoyes, '12** in the 100 meter dash and **Jonathan Grubb, '14**, who participated in five events in his first collegiate meet. In February at Pomona-Pitzer were they had a very good first showing. With this first meet under their belts, the poets were excited and ready to go out and be a top contender in the SCIAC. The men's track and field team work hard during their season, knowing that they could not let anything stop them from their goal.

This year the men's track & field team ended their season in 7th place in the SCIAC. Although the men's team is young, they did end the season with 8 all-conference performances. The 4x100 relay team placed fourth place in their respected race and had members from that relay team also placed in their other events. The men's team also had stand out performances from the on the field as well. The team is very excited and ready for a great season next year and cannot wait to show the SCIAC what they have.



Above: TC Collymore, '10,  
leaps up and arches his back to get  
over the high jump bar.





# Women's *Track & Field*

by Essence Scott and Jesus Aldama

The women's track and field team were very eager to get the season under way. The team was counting on the leadership of the older members to help shape the focus of the newer members to the team. Coach Hogan was really excited about the incoming talented and could not wait to see everyone compete through the season.

The team kicked off their first meet in February at Pomona-Pitzer where they had a very good first showing. They had stand out performances from the 4x100 team and their distance runners. They also seen some great work from **Kashima Patridge, '11** in the long jump and **Daisha Richards, '12** in the 100 hurdles. With this first meet, the poets were excited and knew that they could do big things in the SCIAC. The women's track and field team work really hard throughout the season, practicing through rain and injuries. But they did not let that stop them and the team went on and showed their potential at each meet they went to.

The women's track & field team ended their season in 7th place in the SCIAC. Although it was not the place the team had hoped to end up in the beginning of the season, they did end the season with 10 all-conference performances. Both 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams placed sixth place in their respected races and had members from those relay teams also placed in other of their races. There were also great performances from the women on the field as well. The poets are excited and ready for a great season next year and cannot wait to get out there and win the SCIAC championship.

These Poet runners hurdle over a steeple and compete with other for first.



**Daisha Richards, '12**, extends her legs and hurdles her way to the finish line.







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Michele Callaway, '12, and Christine Verduzco, '13, lead the pack of poet runners around the turn.

Daisha Richards, '12, hands the baton off to Kashima Patridge, '11, who sprints off quickly to win the race.



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Each year, Whittier must say goodbye to another crop of seniors. Each senior Poet has brought so much to the Whittier College campus community that it is difficult to let them go, because no one knows what will happen in their absence. Each individual has had an impact on their peers and their professors and on the community as a whole, so it is with a heavy heart that they go on to make the world a better place.

In the weeks leading up to commencement, there are many opportunities to thank seniors for their accomplishments and ideas that have helped the school progress, including Honors Convocation, a champagne brunch, and one final dinner at President Herzberger's house. All their accomplishments have led them to this moment, and as their candles of learning are illuminated and extinguished once more, as on the first day of their arrival on campus, there is a shared feeling of relief and hope that all of them will go on to illuminate the world and continue to foster the flame of learning that is so entrenched in Whittier's curriculum and community.

By Kate Normand, Editor-In-Chief







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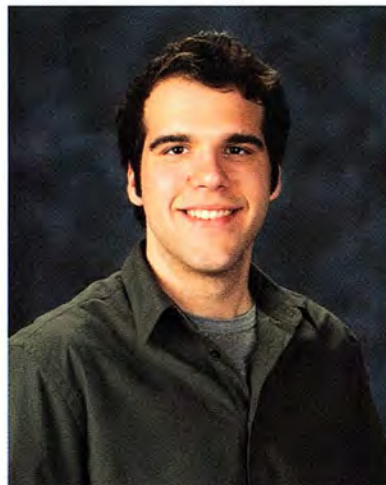
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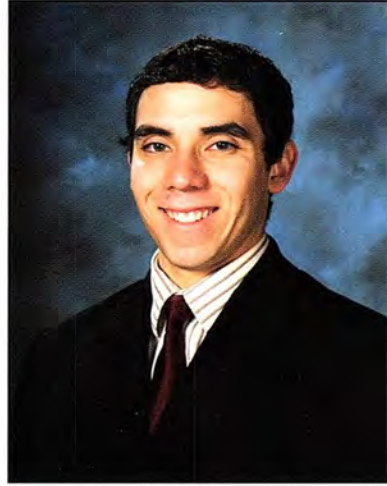
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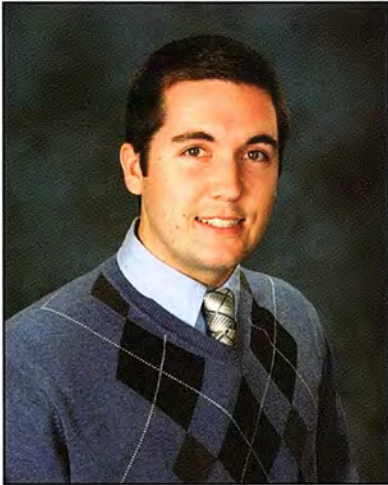
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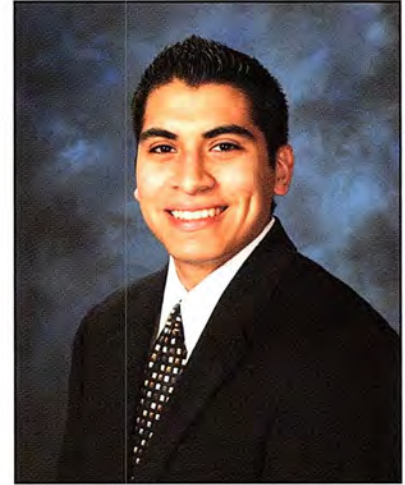




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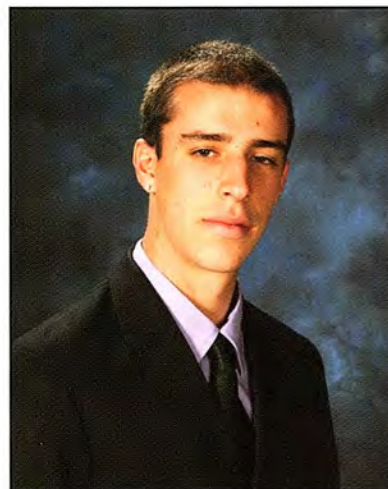
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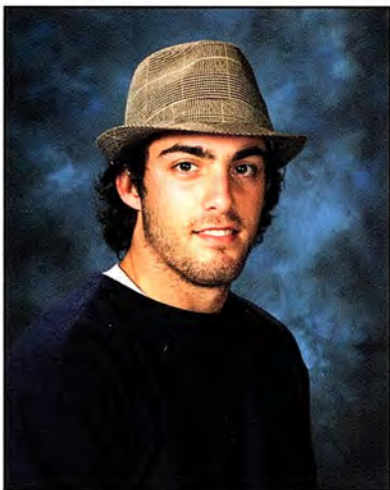
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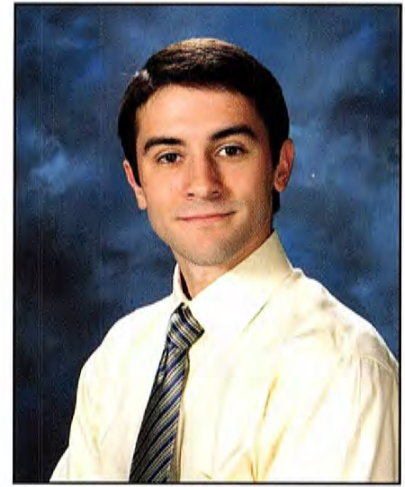




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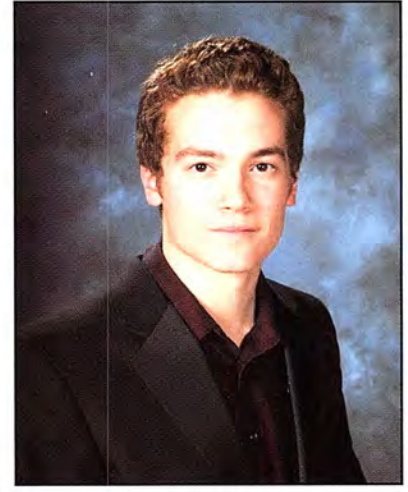




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# Senior

by Magaly Perez

# Brunch

The Alumni Association of Whittier College hosted their second annual champagne brunch alumni induction ceremony on Sunday, May 23, 2010, in the A.J. Villalobos Hall. The event is held in order to welcome graduating seniors into the association and to introduce them to recent alumni. "I think the purpose of the event was to give us a little taste of what being an Alumni is," said graduating senior Stephanie Hilmes. A number of Whittier College Alumni participated in the induction ceremony. Amber Robinson, class of 2001 and a member of Poet G.O.L.D. (Graduates of the Last Decade) community, served as the master of ceremonies, while the Alumni Board President, Rachel Rice from the class of 1996, delivered the keynote address. Additional remarks were delivered by 2009 Outstanding Young Alumnus recipient Joe Akrotirianakis, class of 1995. With an estimated 125 graduating seniors in attendance, the event proved to be a success and left Poets excited about joining the Alumni Association community. Hilmes added that "overall, it was a great experience and I had a lot of fun meeting other new alumni and talking about life after Whittier College and what we can do to stay involved as alumni."

Below: Seniors sign frame that will hold the class picture and kept by President Herzberger.



**Above:** Seniors cheer to a successful four years.

**Middle Right:** Andrew Kush '10 enjoys his brunch with other class mates.

**Right:** Joe Akrotirianakis, an alumni, gives a speech to reflect his life since graduating from Whittier College.



**Right:** A pin is given to senior Poets to represent their new membership to the Poet Alumni association.



Photos by Joseph Aldama





# Senior Farewell Dinner

s by Joseph Aldama

by Magaly Perez



ets enjoy their farewell dinner the home of President Herzberger  
Whittier hills.

The class of 2010 participated in a number of events hosted by the Alumni Association, Class of 2010 Class Gift Committee, and the LEAP and Dean of Student's office, amongst others. A number of academic departments also hosted senior dinners for their respective graduating seniors during this time.

The week began with the annual President's Dinner hosted by President Sharon Herzberger at the president's house. Students were greeted and hosted by members of the college faculty and staff and treated a dinner set up by Bon Appetit. Following the dinner, seniors headed to Club 88 and participated in an end of the year party set-up by members of the Senior Class Gift committee. Here, students celebrated with hours of dancing, drinks, and friends.



President Herzberger and her husband, Mr. Herzberger, greet all the seniors to their home.



Three of the couple hundred graduating seniors.



ets take last minute photos together as they spend their last few  
is students at Whittier College.



Seniors



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# Faculty Vs. Seniors *Softball*

by Amber Orozco and Joseph Aldama

It has become a tradition for Whittier College Seniors to play a game of softball against faculty and staff at the end of each year. This year's participants included Professor McBride and Officer Stubbs. It offers another way for students to get to know to their professors before leaving Whittier College. This year's took place on May 26, 2010. The game started off with both teams scoring base run hits but as innings continued the Seniors took over the game, scoring multiple runs. The game ended with the Seniors having a drastic lead over the faculty and staff.

These seniors came out to give high fives to their teammate as he knocked one out of the park and runs in home.



The senior second baseman fields the ball and makes a quick throw to the first baseman to get the out.



Magaly Perez '10, along with other Poets, cheer on their teammates as they go up to bat.

Photos by Joseph Aldama



The batter has his eye on the ball as he prepares to hit the ball out of the field.





ets and family members stand  
to sing the Whittier College  
ia matter.

The Whittier College choir  
entertain the audience with their  
soothing and claming voices.



Parents and other family members watch the Baccalaureate ceremony  
which reflected that their Poets have grown and matured so much over  
the last four years.

# Baccalaureate

by Amber Orozco, Magaly Perez, and Joseph Aldama

Every year Freshmen come to Whittier College as young adults with a crave for higher education. Four years later these same students leave with strong liberal-arts background and their college degree. To reflect upon these years and their growth as students, Whittier College students participate in the Baccalaureate service which occurred during the evening of May 27. Faculty and staff gave memorable and humorous speeches. Here, Members of the graduating class participated in special readings and expressions of gratitude. A light of learning ceremony, similar to the ceremony that takes place during President's Commencement during Freshman Orientation, took place in order to bring together the Whittier College experience. The parents of Josh also paid time to tribute Whittier College, where there son was given the opportunity to grow as a person with not only academics, but through involvement in the school, including the William Penn Society and the Coffee House. Performances included the Whittier College Choir and the Hand Bell Ensemble. The night concluded with a sideshow of "Now and Then" pictures of each graduate and the final lightening of their candles.



ew Poets smile for the camera as  
enter the Harris Amphitheater.

Photos by Amber Orozco





# 106th Commencement

by Magaly Perez and Joseph Aldama

The Class of 2010, members of the Board of Trustees, Faculty and Staff, as well as family and friends of the College participated in the 107th Commencement Ceremonies on May 28th. Here, more than 350 graduate and undergraduate students received words of wisdom and applause from a number of speakers, which included a famed sportscaster, an author, and a member of the graduating class. Amia Soto-Carrion delivered the class speech in the form of an uplifting poem. Keith Jackson received an honorary doctorate at the college and led the crowd in a

roaring chant of "Fear the Poet!" Tim O'Brien, author of the novel "The Things they Carried" also received an honorary doctorate and delivered the commencement speech. O'Brien's novel was the assigned freshman reading for members of the class of 2010, making O'Brien's speech, which included anecdotes about his relationship with his son and dealing with being guided by "two heads," a great bookend to the graduating classes Whittier College experience.



Poets patiently wait to receive their long awaited degrees.



Photos by Joseph Aldama and Amber Orozco





It was not uncommon to find many caps decorated on the day of graduation; some praising the school, while others thanked their parents.



Student commencement speaker, **Amia Soto-Carrion '10**, delivers a breathtaking poem.

An honorary degree was given to Keith Jackson on the day of commencement.



President Herzberger introduces student commencement speaker, **Amia Soto-Carrion '10**.



Writer and Vietnam veteran, **Tim O'Brien** gives an inspirational speech to the Class of 2010.







**Melissa Johnson, '10**, shakes President Herzberger's hand in congratulations and accepts her diploma. She received her degree in Kinesiology and Leisure Science.

**Right Center: Brownie Sibrian, '10**, walks across the stage proudly as he meets President Herzberger for his diploma.



These graduates congratulate each other on four years of hard work and friendship after receiving their diplomas.



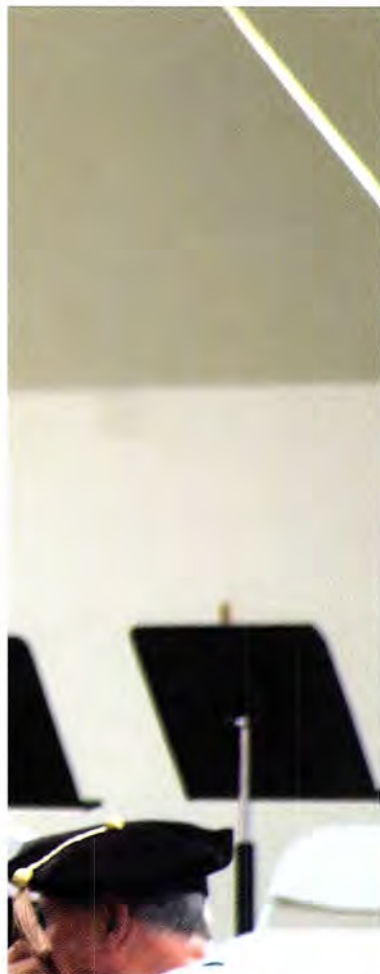
**Above:** One of the many decorated caps in the crowd of graduates.



**Magaly Perez, '10**, and fellow graduate are excited to show off their newly received diplomas after graduation.







**Left:** Miesha Cash '10 flashes a quick peace sign after receiving her degree in Business & Administration.

**Below:** There is nothing like smoking a cigar to celebrate four years of hard work.



s by Joseph Aldama and Amber Orozco

# *Farewell* Class of 2010

by Kate Normand and Joseph Aldama

The time has come when the class of 2010 has reached the end of their educational path at Whittier College. We at the Acropolis Yearbook would like to take the time to thank all of you for your contribution to our college, and for giving us copious chances to get to know all of you, to tell your stories, and to view your faces between the pages of this book.

You have gone through many trials and tribulations during your time here at Whittier, and you have finally reached the end, the light at the end of the tunnel. Congratulations, and you deserve all the wonderful things that will be coming your way as you move on to graduate school or rewarding careers. We hope that as you look through these pages that chronicle your senior year, you remember fondly all the people you have met and the experiences you have shared with them at Whittier.

Again, congratulations! You finally made it! Go achieve your dreams!





# Sarah Ashley Peel

Congratulations, SARAH.

You have done well. We are proud of you and happy for you.

You always knew that Whittier College would be your school. From the days of being a Sports Camp kid with grandparents watching, a Broadoaks buddy using your words; to teaching swim lessons and keeping the program organized. Honors Weekend gave you peace, and the scholarship proved that you were valued.

First year dorm life was a wild adventure. New friends, amazing professors, interesting people, water polo with Mitch, work study at the Chamber, and swimming as required.

Sophomore and Junior years in apartments and finding your path, with special times with special people, two new coaches, study abroad, and Lily waiting to welcome you home.

Senior year and comfort time in your cottage, Broadoaks time assured your passion, swimming as required, and taking a full load just to be Water Polo Captain, a mentor, and more.

We love you and look forward to celebrating your next adventure.

Dad, Mom, and Mel



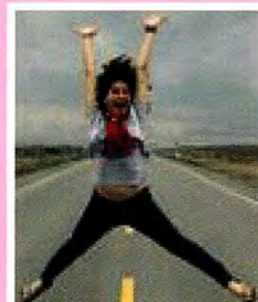


# Amia Soto Carrion



Amia it has been an amazing journey to see you grow into the smart confident young woman with unlimited energy and passion. We struggled four years ago with letting you go so far to Whittier, California from home in New York. But you insisted on leaving for a totally new experience and we let you go. You loved California and immersed yourself in all that was happening at Whittier and made quite a few things happen too. You never lost your Puerto Rican New Yorker roots. You have made us proud! You have excelled in so many ways. You really took advantage of all that your Whittier years could offer and made it your own. From being crowned Ms. Whittier, to the academic honors and leadership activities and let's not leave out the many late night parties, you showed us that you could do it all and still go to class and do well. The New York and Puerto Rico family contingent will be in attendance at the commencement to celebrate with you.

Te quieremos mucho. Mami, Papi y Roberto y tu Familia!



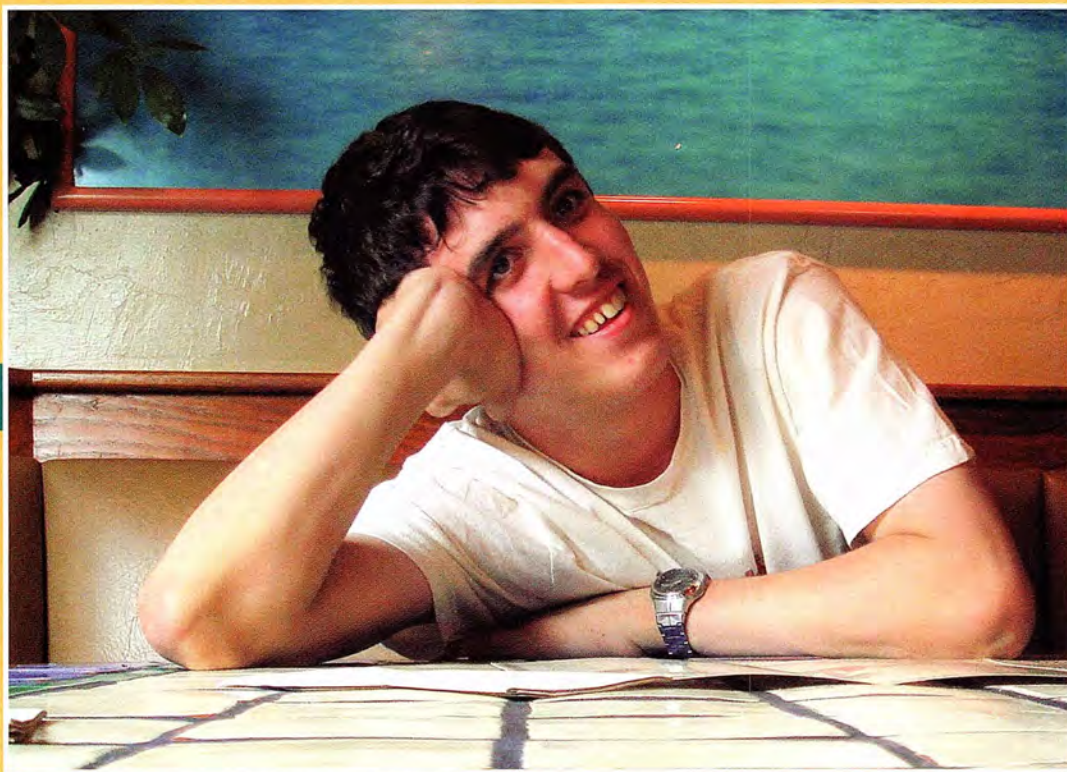


# Stephen Wishon



"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go..." — Dr. Seuss  
Whereever you go and whatever you do, we love you and always will be there for you!

Mom, Dad, CC, and Mike



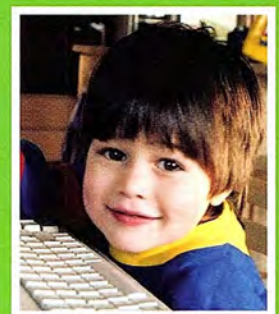
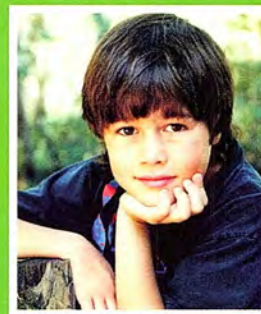
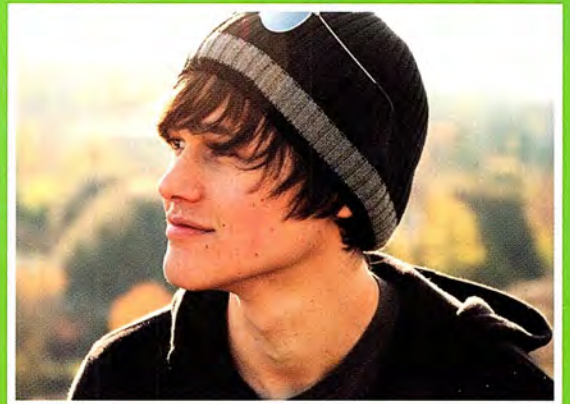


# Jordan Arnold

"The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been." - Madeleine L'Engle

We couldn't have invented you any better. From the moment you leaped into life, your spirited ebullience, quicksilver mind and wonderful wit have been a rich and joyful gift to our family. We are so very proud of you. Hold fast to that amazing essence of yours, for it will lead you to extraordinary places. We are excited to watch you on your journey. Congratulations!

We love you, Mom, Dad and Dylan



## Skylar Zoph Trigueiro

*The Sky's the limit!*

You only get what you give. Give all that you can and see what happens...

Your proud family adores you, M,D,S,R,R & R





# Caroline Josephine Cox



It seems like just yesterday we were holding you in our arms and now you are graduating from college. You are now entering into another chapter of your life and I know you will succeed there also. We are very proud of all your accomplishments.  
I Love You, Dad

# Seth W. Mahler



"We hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smile, to the ultimate level of your hopes, to the many windows of opportunities, and to the most incredible places your heart has ever known" Ralph Waldo Emerson. Congratulations on your Graduation. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Love, Mom & Dad

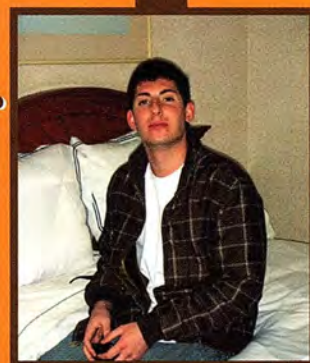
# Paul Swesey



Sparky, you were born Paul Wayne Swesey on the 4th of July and nick named Sparky. You were raised in a log home along a river. We knew you were so very special and you've proved that in everything you did from sports to academics to your gift of making friends wherever you go. We're proud to be your parents and know you are going to do great things. We bless you with all our love. Mom and Dad.

# Danny Miller

We are so proud of you today and always!  
All our love, Mom, Dad and Joey



# Magaly Perez



Congratulations!! We are so proud of you and excited to call you a member of our committee. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Good Luck, The Yearbook Staff



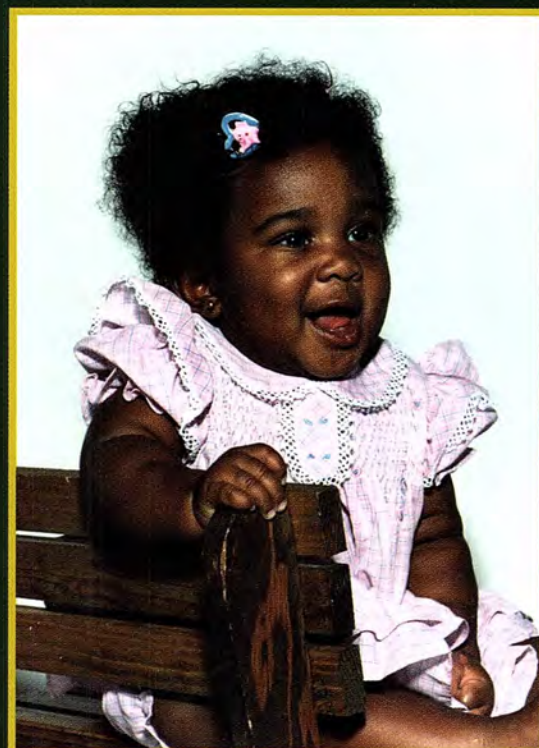




# Nichole Kuykendall

To my Mama: you helped me decide to go to Whittier, and through my four years here you have been the support I needed both financially and emotionally as I attended this college. From charges at the end of the year, to simply giving me much needed advice on what classes I should take each semester, you have been the driving force and given me the confidence that I possess today. I am so grateful that you are my mother and proud that you raised me the way you did. Your strength, intelligence, poise and grace are all things that I hope to emulate in the future. I hope to continuously make you proud in the future, and achieve many great things and show the world what a great job you did mothering me.

To my family: I hope to make you all proud in the future. Your success in the world has shown me everyday that anything is possible.



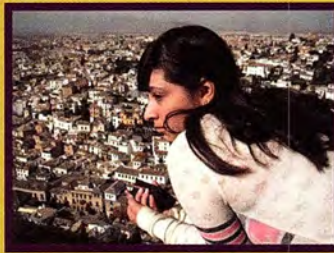


# Congrats Seniors!



Miesha Cash, Matt Carroll, Stephanie Hernandez, Tanya Mansir, & Alyssa Tao

Oh, how this is a bittersweet moment. I am so happy for all of you, but sad that going to hangout will no longer be less than a five minute walk to Harris D or across Painter Street. I am very thankful to have met each and everyone of you. Who would have thought that Diana and I's daily visits to the business office would lead to such great friendships? You guys are amazing, genuine, and overall, people I look up to. Thank you all for the wonderful, crazy times we've shared at Whittier and all the advice you guys were more than willingly to give to us freshmen. I wish you all the best in your endeavors and know that more good times are sure to come.



## Cesar Castellanos



We are very proud of you and all of your accomplishments.

Love Always, Mom and Dad





# Kimberly Ramirez

Congratulations mija, "SI SE PUDO!" We are so proud of you. Good luck on your next journey. Love Mom, Dad, and Joseph

With all your hard work and dedication throughout the years, it finally paid off! First in the Ramirez family with a college degree. You did it sister! Congratulations and keep reaching for the stars. Love you, Cynthia



# Emily Belvado



Good Job Emily!!! You finished, well that depends on if you go to grad school or not, but that's another story. I am proud to say that you joined the elite group of leg injured people this year. It seemed everywhere you looked someone was hurt, but I know your pain and know how hard you worked to finish. Congrats! See you next spring training for the Dodgers in Arizona, Jesus :)

# Melissa Johnson



Congratulations Melissa!!! How exciting, you graduated! I remember that ever since you were a young child, you dreamt of this day. Now you get to fulfill your dreams and achieve this high honor. It will be weird not to have you in the Berg anymore. You have worked hard and it paid off; good luck next year.

See you in grad school, Jesus :)





# Illumination



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**From the Editor in Chief:** Planning and creating this yearbook has been a stressful endeavor but I have enjoyed my time as editor. I feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to help create this book, and my experience has been extremely rewarding. I took on this position as a sophomore at Whittier, and I would not have been able to do it without the support of my friends and staff. We have worked so hard to try to make this yearbook the best ever, and an accurate portrayal of a year at Whittier College. As a staff we have had our ups and downs, with a shrinking staff and late deadlines, but we have persevered through each challenge and have created the book you have just perused. I would now like to personally thank my amazing staff! **Joey:** I would have been lost at sea without you! There is no way this book would have been completed without your diligence and experience! Thank you so much for taking it all on as you have. No one deserves the title of Editor more than you, and I know that your book will be even better than this one. Good luck! **Amber:** Thank you for always having my back and coming to meetings and getting your assignments done on time. You are wonderful, and you made my stress disappear on many occasions throughout the year. Merci beaucoup, et bonne chance l'année prochaine! **Magaly:** I love that even though you were the busiest person I knew and it was your senior year, you always came through for me. I really appreciate it all and good luck! **Izzy:** Thanks for coming to meetings and getting stuff done even through your crazy circus acrobat schedule! **Ginger:** Though I met you halfway through the year and you came in not knowing quite what to do, you were such an integral part of our staff and I'm so glad you joined! Thank you! **Lizbeth:** Thanks to the best photographer on staff! You always took such great photos, and without you, the book would not be as great as it is!

**To Our Readers:** I hope you have enjoyed being illuminated while reading this yearbook. We have all worked so hard to ensure that this book is shared with family and friends, and that it remains on your shelves for years to come. Thank you for making this year so amazing to cover!

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